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PANEL MOOTS ATM FEE FOR WITHDRAWALS ABOVE ₹5,000

An RBI committee has recommended charging customers for every cash withdrawal of over ₹5,000 to make ATMs viable

COST OF OPERATING ATMS SURGING

The committee led by VG Kannan, a former chief executive of the Indian Banks' Association, recommended the action in October last year. The aim was to discourage people from withdrawing large amounts of cash from ATMs. It noted that the cost of operating ATMs has gone up, while the cap on customer usage fee and bank interchange fee have remained the same

RBI KEEPS MUM ON PANEL'S REPORT

- The panel proposed raising interchange fee—the charge a bank must pay when its customers draw cash from other bank ATMs—by ₹2 in centres with over a million people, and by ₹3 in others
- The panel's report came to light through an RTI reply. It's not clear if RBI is planning to act on the recommendations |P10

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IS THE AVERAGE MONTHLY COST OF OPERATING AN ATM

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None intruded, no post captured: Modi

Says India has capability to ensure that none can eye even an inch of land; all parties for united front on security

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

FOUR days after the violent stand-off in the Galwan Valley in East Ladakh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said "neither is anyone inside our territory nor is any of our post captured," ruling out transgression by the Chinese armed forces. Reassuring the political leadership, Modi said India has the capability to ensure that none can eye even an inch of the land, as the Armed Forces now enjoy the capability to move to any of the sectors simultaneously.

"Twenty of our jawans were martyred, but those who dared Bharat Mata have been taught a lesson," the PM said in his concluding address at an all-party meeting. Speaking at the end of the meeting attended by the chiefs of about 20 political parties, Modi stressed that the infrastructure development in the border areas will continue, while crediting it to the work done in the past five years for the speedy movement of the Armed Forces. "Those (the Chinese soldiers) who were never questioned or stopped are now warned and stopped by our jawans at multiple sectors," said Modi.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi making her point on the Galwan clash as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and CMs of Telangana and Bihar listen | PTI

QUIET VISIT OF AIR CHIEF TO LEH, SRINAGAR

After Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadauria made a quiet visit to airbases in Leh and Srinagar, frontline aircraft Su-30MKI and Apache attack helicopters were seen flying in and around Leh on Friday. The IAF Chief visited the Leh airbase on June 17 and flew to Srinagar the next day. He is learnt to have checked the operational readiness of all platforms that have been moved to the area in view of the Chinese aggression along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh | P7

While the Congress chief Sonia Gandhi sought to probe the government on finer details, including if there was an intelligence failure, the leaders of other parties struck a united stance to stand with the government, besides offering suggestions, which included economic and diplomatic pressure on Beijing.

But strategic policy hawk Brahma Chellaney took a sharp line. "Does Modi's statement signal India is willing to live with China's forcible change of the status quo in the Galwan Valley and at Lake Pangong?" he tweeted.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh firmly rejected allegations of intelligence failure, while External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar shared an overview of the diplomatic outreach to prevail upon Beijing to disengage from the Valley.

Acknowledging the national anguish, Modi said the entire country is hurt and angry at the steps taken by China at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), adding that the Army has been given full freedom to take necessary steps. He said while India wants peace, upholding its sovereignty is the top priority.

Senior leaders like Mamata Banerjee (TMC), Nitish Kumar, JD(U), Sharad Pawar (NCP), Uddhav Thackeray (Shiv Sena), Pinaki Mishra (BJD) and M K Stalin (DMK) made a case for a united political response on matters of national security.

MORE REPORTS: P7

Tone down nationalistic talk: Gowda

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ON the day when Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired an all-party meeting to discuss the bilateral tension at Galwan Valley along the India-China border, former prime minister and JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda said the meeting will be fruitful only if Opposition leaders are given detailed, truthful information about the ground situation.

In a detailed six-point statement, Gowda stressed the need to tone down nationalist rhetoric to ensure that matters are not escalated. "This is not the time for a language of provocation and revenge. Media outlets spreading fake information and cheap rhetoric endanger the lives of our soldiers and diplomatic staff. Social media retribution is of particular concern. By this, I do not mean that critical mainstream opinions, analysis and reporting should be stopped," Gowda said in his statement.

Appealing to the opposition to not use intemperate language at a time when cooperation is important, Deve Gowda said domestic politics and national security interests cannot be equated. He, however, stressed that it doesn't mean that the government should not be questioned.

CONTINUED ON: P3

CONG CLEARS RAJASTHAN TEST

KARNATAKA (4 seats)
●BJP - 2 seats ●Congress - 1 seat ●JDS - 1 seat

MEGHALAYA (1 seat)
● National People's Party - 1 seat

MIZORAM (1 seat)
● Mizo National Front - 1 seat

RAJASTHAN (3 seats)
●Congress - 2 seats ●BJP - 1 seat

AP (4 seats)	J'KHAND (2 seats)	MP (3 seats)	MANIPUR (1 seat)
● YSR Congress Party - 4 seats	● JMM - 1 seat ● BJP - 1 seat	● BJP - 2 seats ● Cong - 1 seat	● BJP - 1 seat

BJP set to up its tally in Rajya Sabha, counting halted in Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

BARRING some drama in Manipur and Gujarat, biennial Rajya Sabha elections for 19 seats in 10 states concluded smoothly, with the ruling BJP strengthening its position in the House on Friday. The NDA now will have about 100 MPs of its own in the Upper House, up from its current tally of 91.

In Gujarat, which had witnessed defection ahead of the elections, the Congress demanded that the Election Commission invalidate two BJP votes on different grounds. In all, four seats are up for grabs and the defection in Gujarat was aimed at snatching away one of the two seats the Congress was hoping to win. Counting was halted as last reports came in.

In the run-up to the polls, there was high drama in states like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh as well. However, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance won two seats in Madhya Pradesh, one each in Rajasthan, Manipur and Jharkhand. It has already won two seats in Karnataka and one in Arunachal Pradesh. The Congress managed to keep Rajasthan out of trouble, winning two seats. It also got one in MP, besides already pocketing a seat in Karnataka. The YSRCP Congress swept the results in Andhra Pradesh winning all four seats at stake.

In the North East, Titular king Leishemba Sanajaoba of the BJP won the lone Rajya Sabha seat in Manipur, while two other seats in Meghalaya and Mizoram went to ruling National People's Party (NPP) and Mizo National Front (MNF), respectively.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi got a perfect gift from Rajasthan on his 50th birthday, as Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot managed to limit the BJP to just one seat amid allegations of horse-trading. Both the Congress nominees, K C Venugopal and Neeraj Dangi won impressively, while the BJP could ensure a win only for Rajendra Gehlot.

Boycott? Chinese smartphone sells in a flash

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

AMID appeals to boycott Chinese products after 20 Indian soldiers were killed in clashes in eastern Ladakh's Galwan area, Chinese premium smartphone-maker OnePlus saw its latest model — OnePlus 8 Pro — sell off within minutes in India after its online sales opened on Thursday.

Although it is not unusual for OnePlus products to be sold out within minutes of their launch, there were speculations that the Galwan incident would take the shine off the brand's latest offering.

Not just OnePlus, but another Chinese brand, Xiaomi, said two of its laptop models sold-out in India within two days of their launch on Wednesday.

Analysts say that without a viable replacement, the demand for Chinese smartphones is unlikely to take a hit.

However, that has not calmed the nerves of some Chinese firms that have begun showcasing the Indian aspects of their products. Realme India CEO Madhav Sheth this week said, "I can proudly say Realme is an Indian startup." Although the company made its success in India, it is owned by China-based BBK Electronics Corporation.

Meanwhile, hoping to revive their fortunes, Indian smartphone-makers like Micromax are gearing up for a comeback.

DRAGON DARE

Ballari denim may not have China's blue

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

WITH the chorus to boycott Chinese products rising, factories producing jeans and other denim apparel in Ballari are now scouting to import raw materials from other countries.

Ballari, with over 500 jeans factories, is a hub for denim production. All these years, these units have heavily depended on Chinese raw materials as they found it to be a cheaper alternative to importing from other countries.

But the ongoing tension between India and China at the LAC has set those in the jeans sector thinking. Stating that national interest is more important than their own business, denim factory owners here have decided against buying raw materials from China, choosing instead to import from South Korea and Taiwan, even if it means paying a little more.

'Pollux' Mallikarjuna, a factory owner, said, "In any situation, our country comes first for us because it provides us with everything. The recent attitude of China is unacceptable. If we completely stop buying raw materials from there, they will realise India's power. Hence, we are thinking of buying raw materials from elsewere."

An industry observer said the denim's indigo colour is available for cheap in China, which is imported by Ballari's factories to the tune of Rs 1 crore each month. P10

Tech that, K'taka top in Covid fight: Centre

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA's technology-based approach in managing the Covid-19 crisis has earned it recognition from the Union Government. Living up to its reputation of being the IT capital of the country, Karnataka's use of web-based applications, distant monitoring mechanisms, tech-savvy contact tracing and citizen survey initiatives have caught the Centre's attention so much so that the Union Health Ministry has asked other states to emulate such best practices.

The Centre on Friday appreciated Karnataka for its 'Whole of Government' approach and use of technology in Covid-19 management. The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting put out a statement asking other states to adopt such measures to their local context and replicate them for better management of the pandemic. The appreciation comes barely days after BJP national president J P Nadda and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in succession lauded the state's use of technology in tracing, monitoring and assisting citizens as part of Covid-19 containment measures.

"Karnataka's management of #COVID19 is lauded by Union Govt as a role model. At the core of our success is Good Governance with well-crafted policies & meticulous implementation using technology. Congrats to our Corona Warriors & Team Karnataka!" (sic) tweeted Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa. P5

HIGH DRAMA

Alarms go off at CM's home office after virus scare

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IRONICAL as it may seem when most commercial and business establishments are opening up after Unlock 1.0, many government offices, including the Chief Minister's home office 'Krishna', and the Vikasa Soudha, which houses the offices of many ministers and top officials, were closed for sanitisation on Friday. The husband of a woman police constable posted at 'Krishna', tested positive for Covid-19, whereas her test results are awaited. He is attached to the Central Crime Branch police.

As a result, all of the CM's Friday's programmes, including the inauguration of police quarters, a traffic police station and wireless training schools through video-conference, and a meeting with officials were moved to Vidhana Soudha.

Health Minister B Sriramulu's official residence was also sealed and only a limited number of security personnel remained. The minister took the precautionary measures as he had visited the CM's home office recently.

A BBMP worker sprays disinfectant near the CM's home office 'Krishna' on Friday | EXPRESS

The office of the Food and Civil Supplies Department on the ground floor of Vikasa Soudha was sealed for two days after a staffer tested positive for coronavirus on Wednesday. However, on Thursday, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms issued a notification ordering sealing of the entire Vikasa Soudha for a day on Friday, and the staff was told to work from home. P5

EXPRESS READ

Six more militants killed in two encounters in Jammu and Kashmir

Srinagar: Six more militants were killed in two separate encounters with security forces in Pulwama and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, taking the number of ultras killed in the overnight operations to eight, officials said. While two militants were killed in the Pulwama encounter, four were killed in Shopian on Friday. The militants belonged to Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Toiba, they said.

Reliance is now net-debt free after Rs 1.69 lakh cr fund raising: Ambani

New Delhi: Billionaire Mukesh Ambani on Friday announced that his oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries is now net-debt free, months ahead of its March 2021 target after raising a record Rs 1.69 lakh crore from stake sales and rights issue in less than two months time. Reliance had a net debt of Rs 1,61,035 crore as on March 31, 2020. "With these investments, RIL has become net-debt free," he said. P10

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WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 30°C

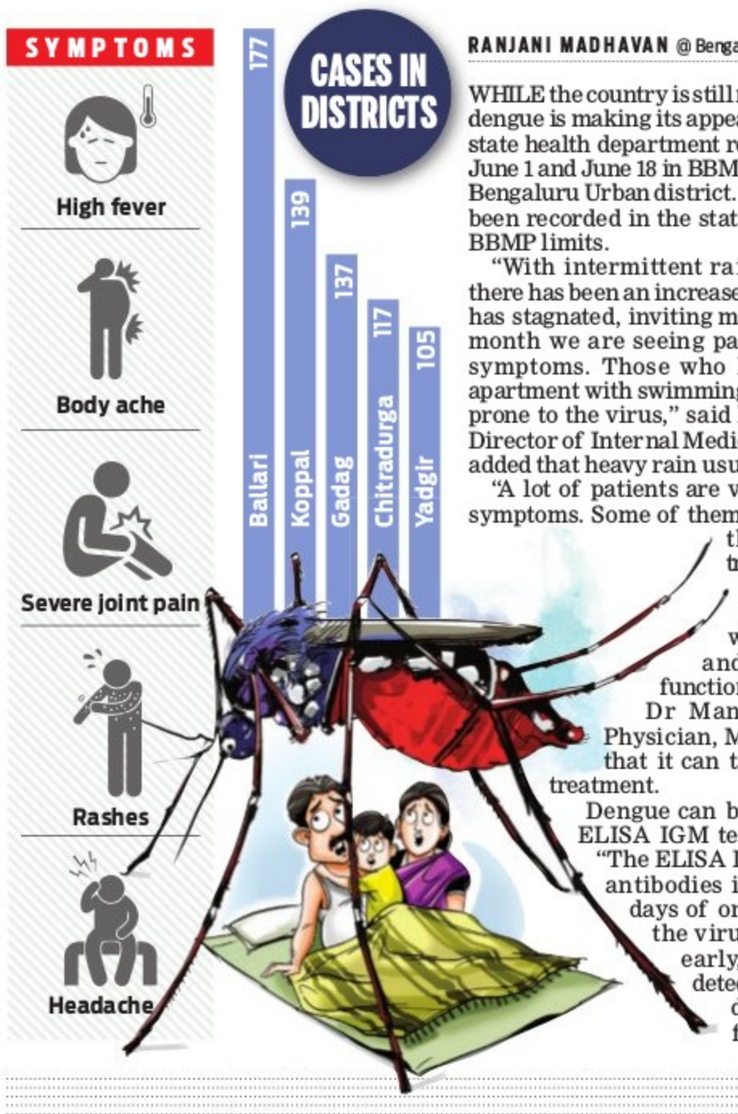
FORECAST

Showers late. Partly sunny.

Sunrise 5.54 am | Sunset 6.48 pm | Moonrise 4.35 am | Moonset 6.03 pm

DENGUE MAKES COMEBACK WITH 60 CASES IN 18 DAYS

Doctors say they are seeing more patients with the fever



RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

WHILE the country is still reeling under a pandemic, dengue is making its appearance in Bengaluru. The state health department recorded 60 cases between June 1 and June 18 in BBMP limits and 66 cases from Bengaluru Urban district. This year, 1704 cases have been recorded in the state, of which 337 are from BBMP limits.

"With intermittent rain for the last few days, there has been an increase in dengue cases as water has stagnated, inviting mosquitoes to breed. This month we are seeing patients with dengue-like symptoms. Those who live near lakes, ponds, apartment with swimming pools, gardens are more prone to the virus," said Dr Sheela Chakravarthy, Director of Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital. She added that heavy rain usually washes away larvae.

"A lot of patients are visiting with dengue-like symptoms. Some of them are testing negative for the virus. Dengue is treatable with paracetamol and lots of fluids. Dehydration is common which can lead to vomiting and problems with liver function," said Dr Manohar KN, Consultant Physician, Manipal Hospital, adding that it can take three to 10 days for treatment.

Dengue can be identified with either ELISA IGM test or NS1 Antigen test. "The ELISA IGM test detects the IGM antibodies in the patient after four days of onset of fever and detects the virus. If the test is done too early, dengue might not get detected. The NS1 test can be done early," Dr Manohar further said.

Edu adviser proposes mentoring of pupils

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE government is thinking of introducing the concept of mentoring as a best practice to support students in all educational institutions.

This concept of a mentor-mentee relationship will be introduced from kindergarten to postgraduate courses. The University Grants Commission (UGC), in its guidelines issued in April, had recommended mentoring on digital portals to reach out to students across India.

This is one of the five proposals M R Doreswamy, adviser to the state government on education reforms, placed before Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa. According to Doreswamy, these proposals will have no financial implications and can improve the education sector in the state.

Another proposal is to empower specially-abled students. Doreswamy proposed setting up a dedicated university for them in the state. Funds for the same could be sought from the Centre, he said.

Another proposal is to leverage college development by adopting a 'cluster' concept, wherein advanced colleges would be roped in to serve as nodal institutions to extend academic support to other colleges in their vicinity.

The other two proposals are — colleges can celebrate public holidays with thematic workshops, conferences and similar activities to celebrate the life and works of great personalities instead of declaring such days as holidays and ensuring prescribed standards in educational institutions.

Leaking pipeline could damage road, fear Basavanagudi residents

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A leak in a drinking water pipeline underneath the Model House Street in Basavanagudi has resulted in wastage of Cauvery drinking water for two weeks now, and repeated calls to the BWSSB by residents went in vain.

The street is occupied by many senior citizens who found it difficult to even step out due to the constant presence of water.

Murali Krishna, a life education coach, is put off by the wastage of a precious resource. His neighbour, Rama Rao Kagalkar, is deeply concerned about the water weakening the huge tree in front of his house. "The water is loosening the roots of the tree. The concrete and stone slab around it is getting dislodged. If the tree collapses, there will be much damage to the houses around. Two branches from the tree fell on my car damaging it and extensive repairs had to be carried out," he said.

K Dayashankar, a retired deputy general manager of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, told The New Indian Express, "I noticed the wastage only four days ago. Since we hardly go out, I informed the BWSSB, but no action was taken."

Not only was water flowing waste every alternate day when the valve was opened, he fears the road would sink in if action is not taken.

Assistant Executive Engineer, BWSSB, B Dinesh said, "We will dig the road and stop the leakage at the earliest. We are rushing to the spot."

EXPRESS READ

TNIE clerk retires after 28 years of service

Bengaluru: Thimmegowda, junior clerk in the Production Department of Express Publications (Madurai) Private Limited, Bengaluru, retired from service on June 19, 2020, after serving 28 years 5 months. He joined The New Indian Express Group on January 1, 1992 as a Packer, in the Packing Department. ENS

AAB collects funds to help advocates' clerks

Bengaluru: The Advocates' Association of Bengaluru (AAB) informed the Karnataka High Court that it has collected Rs 13.44 lakh to disburse among registered clerks of advocates in the city. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy was hearing a petition filed by the Karnataka State Level Advocates' Clerks Association seeking directions to extend financial assistance to clerks in distress. The counsel submitted that the last date for clerks to submit the application is June 24, 2020. The petitioner's counsel Murthy D Naik informed the court that there are 478 registered advocates clerks in Bengaluru, 38 in Dharwad and 28 in Kalaburagi and a few in other districts. Taking note of it, the bench observed that the Bar Council should ensure clerks in other districts get relief too. ENS

ECO WARRIORS

BBMP's new task: Documenting city's flora, fauna, biodiversity experts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

JP Park in Mathikere not only set to become Bengaluru's first Heritage Biodiversity Park, it will also be a part of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR), a database of flora and fauna in the city being prepared by BBMP along with Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB).

At a meeting with the KBB chairman Ananth Hegde Ashisara held here on Friday, BBMP was tasked with creating a database of flora and fauna of the city. Citizens, NGOs, experts and those who have sound knowledge of the city's biodiversity must also be documented along with their findings in the PBR, he said.

H S Ranganathaswamy, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP Forest Cell, who participated in the meeting said, "We suggested JP Park so that we can protect the city's lung space. As part of the PBR, we have been asked to identify more such spaces within three months," he said, adding that the final decision to declare JP Park as a heritage park will be taken after a field visit at the end of this month.

Keeping Garden City green

- 1400 parks and gardens in Bengaluru should have native species
- No concretisation during rejuvenation of lakes
- Government and vacant spaces should be greened
- Turn vacant plots into lung spaces

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Ashisara told The New Indian Express that according to the Karnataka Biodiversity Act, PBR of every zilla, taluk and municipality should be completed. Under this, native plants, birds, insects, animals, water bodies, wetlands, urban wildlife species, hillocks, trees and plant species will be registered. So far, 3,000 PBRs of gram panchayats have been prepared and 6,000 panchayat committees have been formed. "There is no set timeline yet, but it is about time we start identifying these places," he added.

The committee in Bengaluru comprises the Mayor as chairman, BBMP Commissioner as secretary, and members include those from NGOs and professors of Bengaluru University.

The KBB further instructed BBMP to ensure that at least 5 per cent of the budget is kept aside to increase the city's green cover. They said that while taking up developmental work under the Smart City project, importance should be given to green belt conservation.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th June: Practical planetary influences point to a day full of promise for all sorts of down-to-Earth activities. Of course, it all depends on your birth sign, and some people are naturally better at getting things done than others. But even if you are meditating, praying or looking after your soul, that still counts as practical in my book.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Conveniently enough, the Moon is aligned with a deeply personal region of your chart, signifying much-needed improvements at home and in the family. It's the perfect moment for turning your attention to tasks close at hand. Remember - little will happen unless you take the lead.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your generous instincts mean more than ever that you must now be prepared to lend a hand to those in need in whatever ways are most appropriate. You seem to be able to offer sound advice, assist financially and assume responsibility, all at the same time!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Reality may not match your ideas of how things should be done. But, you must trust that, in the wake of the last set of lunar alignments, the right doors will be opened. All you have to do is seize your chances as they come. I know that's easier said than done, but you'll manage!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Forget the ways in which you've been disappointed or let down. And don't try to score points off other people, for what you gain now could be more than outweighed by losses next week. It's much better to play fair and offer others only your sympathy and compassion.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's generally a laid-back and secretive day, but the gradual approach to a profoundly creative region of your chart could get your juices flowing. With any luck you'll soon be brimming with fresh and lively ideas. You may consider new propositions - and put old ones on hold.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Practical and financial matters are set to improve, mainly because of your own hard effort and sound judgment. In this, as in other areas of your life, it's not a matter of good luck, but of a job well done. I hope other people remember to say 'thank you'!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's an ambitious day, and many of you could be concerned with professional goals. Even in your spare time the activities which please you most will be those which allow you to compete, and hold out the hope of coming first. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Mercury, which has been responsible for so many misunderstandings, has currently eased its curious behaviour. If partners or loved ones now seem prepared to re-open discussions and renegotiate terms, lose no time in securing agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
This is an ideal moment for grabbing bargains, or for making decisive moves in all joint finances and investments. The very fact that Mercury is emerging from a secretive position will soon restore your good judgment. But if you're not ready to speak your mind just yet, that's fine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Moon's continuing emotional motion should now have made it clear that you should listen to partners, come what may. Even if they are speaking from their heart rather than their head, there is much from which you may learn. You might also find out what makes them tick, and that could transform your own behaviour.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's a relatively busy day, and even romantic relationships must to be worked at. Domestic partnerships are even more in need of a little tinkering around the edges, just to make sure that others are happy and contented. If love does feel good then so should you. It's simple, really!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your chart is a complex system of different qualities and characteristics, and today's abundance of planetary pressures provides exactly the right combination of ingredients to make today a potentially creative and pleasurable feast. Hopefully you can invest the time - you won't regret it.

THE PHANTOM

HEY!! ANY VIDEO YOU SEE THERE IS MY....! PROPERTY!!! PERSONAL....!
W-WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
"A VILLAIN'S BLOOD TURNS TO STONE WHEN THE PHANTOM KNOWS HIS CRIME," OLD JUNGLE SAYING

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SUDOKU

8		9	6	5			2	
		5	4					7
			3	7		8		
		1	8			2	5	
			9	1	5			
	6	8			4	9		
		6		4	2			
1					6	5		
	4			8	3	7		6

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

8	4	6	9	5	7	2	3	1
3	2	9	6	1	4	8	7	5
7	5	1	3	2	8	4	6	9
6	8	5	2	7	1	3	9	4
1	9	3	8	4	6	5	2	7
4	7	2	5	3	9	6	1	8
9	3	4	7	6	5	1	8	2
5	6	8	1	9	2	7	4	3
2	1	7	4	8	3	9	5	6

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IRROG

OOTRB

OTREES

SOMCTA

MARTHA'S MARKET
For Sale
For Sale
With a little work, we'll be up and running.
I used to come here as a kid for candy.
THEY BOUGHT THE RUN-DOWN CORNER MARKET AND PLANNED TO ....

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MANLY HABIT SPLICE HAIRDO
Answer: With fewer and fewer customers, business at the indoor shopping center was — "DIS-MALL"

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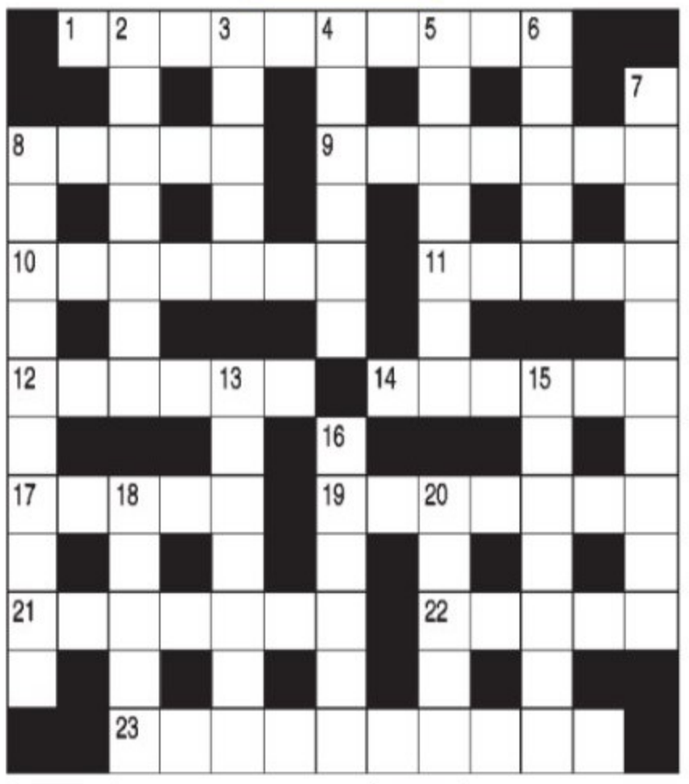
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Revealing form of entertainment (10)
8 Hides one's relatives on board (5)
9 It's useless shielding a bad crook (7)
10 Man on the make (7)
11 Got us to display zest (5)
12 It means one's refusing in code perhaps (2,4)
14 He might feign ignorance of Post Office's total (6)
17 A good case for a rise (5)
19 Instruction to the mechanic might be a bore (3,4)
21 Idealistic upper class head Scot (7)
22 A green and mountainous part of France (5)
23 A lady in retirement may have such a habit (10)

DOWN

2 The last section to have a complaint in mind (4,3)
3 It has a small part in a big picture (5)
4 A number tucked into a bird in the inn (6)
5 Fast scoring rate (7)
6 Hack comes up with manuscript for the papers (5)
7 Tell a friend off the record (10)
8 Order suggesting ringside helpers are poor timekeepers (7,3)
13 Dogfish provides sport in Scotland (7)
15 Record holders (7)
16 Lines from a child rising ten (6)
18 A bar erected on quarter deck (5)
20 He's no better off for changing roles (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Infest, 4 Hooker, 9 Chinese, 10 Datum, 11 Egypt, 12 Earshot, 13 Good company, 18 Keep fit, 20 Actor, 22 White, 23 Ontario, 24 Dakota, 25 Better.

Down: 1 Itches, 2 Fairy, 3 Sweated, 5 Order, 6 Kitchen, 7 Remote, 8 Helen of Troy, 14 Obelisk, 15 Piastre, 16 Skewed, 17 Armour, 19 Fleet, 21 Tarot.

Siddu demands session to discuss Land Reforms Act

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OPPOSITION leader **Siddaramaiah** has demanded that the state government convene a legislative session to discuss proposed privatisation of the power sector, an amendment to Land Reforms Act and APMC Act.

"Democratically elected governments must discuss with opposition parties and other stakeholders instead of taking an ordinance route. We want a detailed discussion on both the acts," he said.

Recalling the efforts of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Chief Minister D Devaraj Urs for bringing an amendment to the Land Reforms Act, 1961, Siddaramiah said it was unfortunate that wealthy people were given a free hand to own land. He said the APMC Act amendment permitted non-licence holders to purchase the produce from farmers. "The Centre has forced the state government to amend the APMC Act," he charged.

Asked whether Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is playing into the hands of the Centre, Siddaramaiah said the former has no guts to protest or to demand Karnataka's share in 15th finance commission grants.

Miffed with fund allocation, BJP MLAs meet Kateel

Did not get our share of money: Legislators

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

A group of 10 BJP MLAs from Dakshina Kannada, Tumakuru, Belagavi and Vijayapura registered their protest against their own government and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, with party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel.

The 10 MLAs, including Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, Arvind Bellad, Vedavyas Kamat and Bharat Shetty, are said to have raised their concerns at a closed-door meeting with Kateel on Thursday evening. They spoke about not just lack of grants to their respective corporations from the Urban Development Department, but also a lack of response from the CM, despite several attempts to draw his attention to their woes.

"We aren't getting any funds for developmental work in urban areas. First, funds were denied due to floods, then bypolls and now Covid-19. But it is unfair when funds are being released for some districts and not for others. It is understandable if none of the districts are receiving funds, but that isn't the situation. Shivamogga, for example, has been receiving funds under various department heads but our constituencies are not," pointed out Arvind Bellad, Hubballi-Dharwad West MLA.

The MLAs suggested that they were compelled to knock on the party's doors after failing to get a positive response from the government, despite meeting Yediyurappa at least thrice. A meeting that began as a forum to review developmental works in districts, turned into a platform to voice the MLAs' concerns against the government, including disgruntlement over transfer of officials.

The legislators's primary concern was the delay or stalling of funds up to the tune of Rs 150 crore in each corporation, under the 'Mahatma Gandhi Nagara Vikas Yojane'. The MLAs hope that appealing to the party will make a difference, and funds are released in a week.

The stalling of funds for developmental works is affecting first-time MLAs more severely, said the miffed MLAs. Barely a few months ago, Congress and JDS legislators had raised concerns over their constituencies not being given funds, but the situation of BJP MLAs too seems to be the same, despite their party being in government.

BSY advises ministers on dist visit protocol

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HOPING to streamline matters and improve communication, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has written to all ministers, urging them to inform local legislators prior to visiting their assembly constituencies and districts.

Yediyurappa asked them to inform the MLAs, MLCs, district party unit chief and others, before their visit to hold official meetings. The ministers have been told to interact with local legislators and the public, hear out their grievances and solve them.

According to sources in the CMO, this has been the practice for 40 years, but was broken over a period of time. During SM Krishna's period, cabinet ministers would visit districts and assembly constituencies without informing the local legislators.

A senior official, on condition of anonymity, said the CM wanted to bring back this practice. "Most of the assembly sessions turn into MLA/MLC grievance meets, where each legislator brings up local issues and informs the ministers. Time is spent on this, so if these issues are resolved at the constituency level, MLAs will have time to discuss bigger issues," he added.

EXPRESS READ

3 held for trying to honeytrap doctor

Bengaluru: Yelahanka police arrested three people for allegedly trying to extort Rs 10 lakh from a doctor. The accused are Chandini B (22), Prajwal (26) and Anirudh (23). Police said the 40-year-old man befriended Chandini on social media. "On June 13, after visiting a restaurant, Chandini and I went to my house at 11 pm. As we entered, two men barged in claiming to be police personnel and asked me to pay Rs 10 lakh or they would upload my video with Chandini on social media." The trio was arrested on Thursday. "They have confessed and said that their plan was to honeytrap rich men to make an easy buck," the police said. **ENS**

4K FIRs over lockdown violations: State to HC

Bengaluru: The state on Friday informed the high court that it had collected Rs 3.73 crore in fines, registered 4,947 FIRs, 1,20,327 violations of lockdown orders had been reported and 10,843 people had been arrested between March 23 and June 11. Orally observing that about 40% of visitors to Cubbon Park in the morning do not wear masks, a division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy said it needs to be clear that violations of the SOP will attract a penalty and there should be a mechanism to ensure people adhere to norms. The court was hearing a PIL filed by city-based Letzkit Foundation. **ENS**

HA-PPE TO TRAVEL

A man in a PPE suit and gloves rushes to catch a train to Delhi from City Railway Station in Bengaluru on Friday. He took all precautions owing to the large number of Covid-19 cases in the national capital | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Don't politicise Armed Forces, Gowda tells Centre

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

GOWDA, a seasoned politician, said the government should quell anxiety among citizens that we are surrounded by hostile nations and that it is important to keep the nation informed. "Underplaying certain developments and overstating certain information may be a bad strategy in the long run," he noted.

Criticising the continuous attempts to politicise the Armed Forces, Gowda termed it dangerous and stressed on the need to keep it a professional force that will advise the government of the day fearlessly and correctly. He demanded an inquiry into the deaths of soldiers in Galwan Valley to understand what exactly transpired.

"The government should not encourage reactionary language of economic boycott. Its implications are deep. Here, we should be guided by pragmatism," Gowda said, referring to political leaders calling for a boycott of Chinese-made products.

Five held for supari killing of industrialist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Thalaghattapura police have arrested five people over the murder of a 70-year-old industrialist in Gubbalala, in which his son and brother are key suspects.

Four months ago, miscreants stabbed Singanamala Madhav, managing director of Bellary Steel & Alloys Ltd. Madhav's wife filed a murder case against her son Harikrishna and her brother-in-law Singanamala Shivaram Prasad, suspecting them as had they fought with her husband on several occasions over a property in Ballari spread over 2,000 acres, and worth Rs 100 crore.

Although Harikrishna and Prasad are still at large, police teams visited several places in Puducherry, Anantapur, Goa, Pune, Mumbai, Belagavi and Ballari to gather information about the killers.

"They gave supari of Rs 25 lakh to one Riyaz alias Goa Riyaz. On interrogation, he said he received Rs 7 lakh as advance and arranged for the men who killed Madhav. Based on this information, four others were arrested. He said that he promised them Rs 5 lakh each to get them on board," the police said.

Of the arrested, Riyaz Abdul Sheikh faces a POCSO case in Goa, three are residents of Bengaluru and the fifth is also from Goa.

Harikrishna and Prasad have in the past been booked for assault and kidnap.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

For implementing construction works of Chitradurga Nirmithi Kendra for the year 2020-21, a short-term tender has been called for supplying Fe-500 grade T.M.T iron bars from eligible companies/agencies/traders through e-procurement in a two-cover system. The application can be downloaded from Karnataka Government's e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl.No.	Details	
1	Address of Iron Supply	To the project director's office and the places where construction works are taken (details will be mentioned in work order)
2	Period of Supplying Iron	From the date of order letter to till the next order of the Chitradurga Nirmiti Kendra
3	Fixed estimated cost of tender (specification details explained in tender form)	Fixed rate for supplying iron Rs. 200 Lakhs
4	E.M.D cost	Rs. 4,00,000/-
5	Opening date for applying e-tender	Date: 19-06-2020
7	Last date for submitting e-tender application	Date : 02-07-2020
9	Technical bid opening date	Date: 04-07-2020
10	Financial bid opening date	Date : 08-07-2020

For more details contact Project Director, Nirmiti Kendra, Chitradurga during office working hours and Mob No. 9972336083.

Sd/- **Project Director, Nirmiti Kendra, Chitradurga**

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For implementing construction works of Chitradurga Nirmithi Kendra for the year 2020-21, a short-term tender has been called for supplying O.P.C.43 Grade Cement from eligible companies/agencies/traders through e-procurement in a two-cover system. The application can be downloaded from Karnataka Government's e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, concerned branches/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis, on **(06.07.2020 11 AM - 12 Noon)** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and last date of deposit of EMD etc., are given below

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TRACKING COVID-19

Two staffers attached to the Bengaluru Railway Division tested Covid-positive within 24 hours at the Kengeri and Hebbal railway stations. The Divisional Railway Manager's Office was closed and sanitised as the Hebbal staffer had visited it earlier

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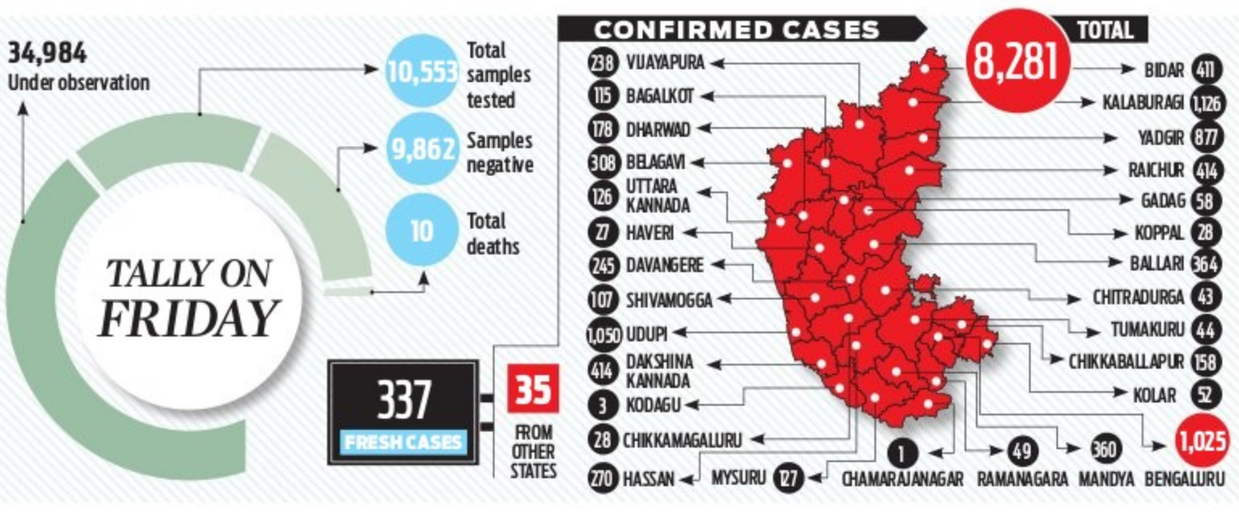

HITTING THE NERVE CENTRE

PG doc at Victoria Hospital +ve, 7 others symptomatic

Worried for our families, our lives; workload stressing us out, say doctors manning the Covid war room at BMCRI

Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru where a PG doctor working at its Covid war room tested positive on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

CHETANA BELAGERE @Benglauru

DOCTORS and healthcare staff at the BMCRI's Covid control room in Victoria Hospital are a worried lot. After three nurses from the hospital tested positive earlier, a PG doctor working at the Covid war room centre in the hospital tested positive on Friday. Seven other doctors, who were working at the war room, too have shown symptoms and their swab samples have been sent for testing.

"A 25-year-old woman PG doctor had gone to her hometown Mangaluru and returned. She was asymptomatic but showed mild symptoms later. She tested positive on Friday," confirmed Director, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMRCI), Dr C R Jayanthi.

It is from this control room that doctors monitor patients in all the three zones — red, green and orange — in the hospital where Covid-19 patients are being treated.

The war room also handles tele-counselling, monitors patient records and tracks ICU patients across the state. The doctors at the control room also work at the hospital on a rotation basis. The load of work has stretched the healthcare staff, and many of them, on condition of anonymity, said they are highly stressed.

"Those sent on leave after working and observing quarantine have been asked to come back. With the increasing number of cases within the hospital, we are scared for our lives and that of our families," said one of the doctors.

Meanwhile, beds in the hospital, including at the ICU, are almost full and patients are being directed to Bowring Hospital and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD).

> There is no scientific evidence for any medication, including hydroxychloroquine. Some workers in the hospital have taken it, but not all
>
> Senior doctor

Recently, after the nurses tested positive, the doctors had said that the quality of PPEs provided to the staff at the hospital was poor. But the director brushed it off, saying the PPEs have no problem, but agreed that the doctors are stretched with the increase in number of cases.

Asked if all workers were taking hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) as advised, the doctors said that as there is no evidence of it being able to prevent coronavirus, and because of it side-effects, they were not taking the drug.

"There is no scientific evidence for any medication, including hydroxychloroquine. Some workers in the hospital have taken it, but not all," said a senior doctor.

Kidwai staff protest, seek safety gear

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

A day after a cancer patient tested positive at Kidwai Institute of Oncology, more than 40 staff nurses refused to go to work and protested against the management for not providing safety facilities.

"The staff nurses refused to attend morning duty, and sat in protest against the irresponsible attitude of the management even during Covid times," said a hospital nurse. They alleged that they have not been given proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), gloves, and masks. The hospital has also failed to take any precautions about maintaining social distance.

"We are tired of telling patients to maintain social distancing. There is no system of maintaining distance. Our lives are at risk," said a staff nurse. Doctors come only on rounds but it's nurses who deal with patients and are at risk of infection, the staff added.

Kidwai director Dr C Ramachandra confirmed that the nurses were concerned and wanted to meet him regarding leave during quarantine, and that there were only about seven staffers.

"They wanted leave to be sanctioned by the government for quarantine and didn't want to use their personal leave. I have agreed to it. Security measures are in place and there is nothing to worry," he said.

Meanwhile, the kin of some patients alleged that patients who were recently operated upon were discharged early. However, the director said that only patients who had recovered were discharged.

Covid milestone: Cytokine trials successful

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

AFTER plasma therapy proved successful in treating critically-ill Covid-19 patients, clinical trials of cytokine therapy to cure mild and moderate patients too have been positive in the state. The second phase of the trials will start soon after the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) gives the go-ahead.

Dr Vishal Rao, Principal Investigator of Clinical Trials, HCG Hospitals, and a member of the Covid consultative group, said, "We have finished the first phase of clinical trials of cytokine therapy on six volunteers, who were not infected with coronavirus but came forward for treatment. The trials on them have been encouraging and none of them have had any side-effects. The reports will be submitted to the DCGI by the month-end and we may soon be able to start the second phase of trials on Covid-19 patients."

He said, "The first volunteer was screened on May 30 and the last visit of volunteers was on June 16." The cytokine therapy is a mix of chemical messengers which helps accentuate the switch from passive to active immunity. It also enhances the release of interferons, which play a crucial role in the early phases of symptomatic patients.

Dr Rao said, "Before administering cytokine therapy, we had to monitor the health of volunteers for 12 hours, and they were advised not to consume alcohol. After giving them the injection, we again monitored them for another four hours to see if they were fine and then sent them home. Regular follow-ups were done and blood tests were done on the first, third and seventh day to check if they were infected. The main worry was of cytokine storm, which could be dangerous. But we were sure it would not happen as experiments on animals did not have that effect."

Dr Rao said, "Right now, the majority of mild and moderate patients are getting cured. This therapy is to prevent such patients, slipping into advanced stages."

The HCG hospital has already started making the cytokine mixture for future use.

A man, wearing a mask, walks past a mural in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

CASES JUMP TO 8,281, BENGALURU CONTRIBUTES BULK OF PATIENTS

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WITH 337 positive cases on Friday, Karnataka crossed the 8,000-mark, with Bengaluru Urban leading with the highest number of 138 cases. The State recorded 10 new Covid deaths, and the total number of cases stands at 8,281. Of the 337 cases, 93 were interstate passengers, while 11 were new positive cases.

Bengaluru Urban saw seven deaths. A 65-year-old female, with complaint of fever and a known case of hypertension, was admitted on June 13 and died on June 18. A 78-year-old male patient diagnosed with ILI, was admitted on June 16 and died on June 18. A 72-year-old, diagnosed with SARI and a known case of diabetes and hypertension, was admitted on June 17 and died the same day. On June 17, a 58-year-old male patient diagnosed with SARI, with diabetes and hypertension, and a 50-year-old male diagnosed with SARI, died. A 54-year-old patient with fever and cough died on June 18. A 69-year-old diagnosed with SARI died at a quarantine centre on June 17.

Bidar saw two deaths on June 16 — a 45-year-old male and a 70-year-old male with fever and breathlessness. In Vijayapura, a 66-year-old male diagnosed with SARI, died on June 17.

Among 138 cases in Bengaluru Urban, 30 were cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and 34 of Influenza Like Illness (ILI), 31 cases of contact tracing in progress, four returnees from Maharashtra, one from Kolkata, two from Andhra Pradesh and one from Tamil Nadu. Inter-district travel cases included those from Mandya, Kolar, Mysuru and Chikkaballapura, and contacts of previous patients.

Kalaburagi recorded 52 cases, of whom 37 were Maharashtra returnees, seven were ILI cases, three were from Gujarat, two patients of contact under tracing and others were contacts of previous patients. Ballari reported 37 new cases — four with ILI, 20 from containment zones and contacts of previous patients. Hassan, with 18 cases, had 17 returnees of Maharashtra and one ILI case.

Dakshina Kannada reported 13 cases — seven cases of travel from Sharjah and four from Saudi Arabia. Udupi, with 11 cases, had four returnees from Maharashtra, two from Tamil Nadu, and contacts of previous patients. Bidar had 10 cases -- three returnees from Telangana, two from Maharashtra, one from Goa, besides contacts of previous patients. Mysuru and Koppal recorded six cases each.

With 230 discharged on Friday, the total went up to 5,210.

COVID WATCH

Guidelines for treatment at Covid care centres

Bengaluru: New guidelines have been issued following Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar's announcement that asymptomatic patients will be treated in Covid-19 care centres instead of hospitals. The district surveillance officer will visit the house of a Covid-19 positive person, assess the body temperature, oxygen saturation level and presence of co-morbid conditions. People with temperature above 37.5 degrees Celsius, oxygen saturation level below 94%, aged above 60 and suffering from known co-morbid conditions should be taken to a Covid hospital, or a private one if the patient chooses. Elderly without co-morbidities, or people under 60 years and suffering from known co-morbid conditions but asymptomatic, should be taken to Covid care centre or private hospital. ENS

8 policemen quarantined at Kanteerava hostel

Bengaluru: After a policeman from the Sampangiramanagar police station tested Covid-positive two days ago, eight of his colleagues have been quarantined at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium sports hostel, sources said. "The hostel building being used for quarantining is separate from the stadiums and courts. No one is quarantined at the indoor and outdoor stadiums," a source said. ENS

Covid warriors attacked in K'buragi

Kalaburagi: Covid warriors were attacked again in Kalaburagi district and this time at Kolakunda Dodda Thanda of Sedam taluk on Thursday evening, police sources said on Friday. ASHA workers, health officials and the police had gone there to get a 17-year-old girl admitted to hospital after she tested Covid-positive. The girl had returned from Maharashtra, but the parents were not willing to send her. After arguments, the police caned one of their relatives, who was drunk. Villagers then pelted the warriors with stones. One worker was badly injured. ENS

Primary contact writing PU exam triggers fears among SSLC students

SSLC student at Siddaganga Mutt tests positive, over 900 at risk

Tumakuru: An SSLC student at the Siddaganga Mutt tested Covid-positive on Friday, putting over 900 students and staff at the residential school at risk. Majority of the students were at the school to write the SSLC examinations beginning on Monday. The student had gone to his hometown Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh and had returned on June 15 to write the exam. Kurnool has been a hotbed of Covid-19 and his throat swab samples taken there earlier tested positive on Friday. District administration officials here shifted the student to the designated hospital and drew his samples for a fresh test. "He is asymptomatic and the results will arrive late on Friday night," an official said. Three of his roommates have been institutionally quarantined at a hostel in the city, he said.

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE fears of parents and SSLC students, who are beginning their exams from Monday, seem to have come true with a PU girl student, who wrote the English examination on Thursday, turning out to be a primary contact of a Covid-positive patient.

The PU exam was to be a test case for officials to conduct the exam without a Covid incident. But with the girl student now being sent to quarantine, and her contacts are in danger of contracting the virus, the department needs to take urgent measures to conduct SSLC exams, the parents insisted.

Dr G Srinivas, District Health Officer (Bengaluru Urban), confirmed to TNIE, "The student's father, a driver at the health department, tested positive on Thursday. He got his test results after dropping his daughter to the exam centre."

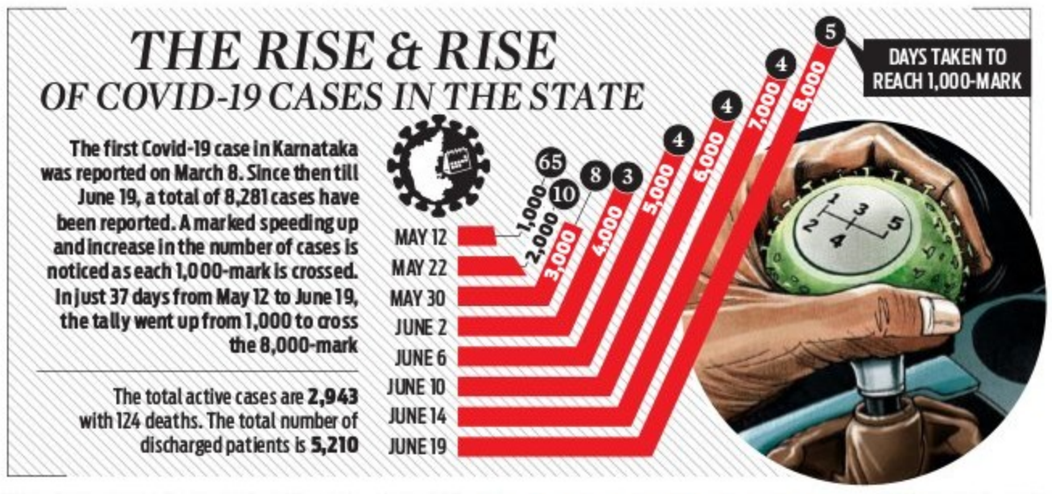
Jayathi Nath, whose son is an SSLC student, said, "Can officials give us a guarantee that our children will not contract Covid? What is the solution if a child tests positive? They don't seem to have a backup solution."

Another parent called up TNIE to inform that classrooms at his daughter's SSLC exam centre in Vijayanagar has no proper ventilation. "I am worried that my daughter would be exposed to Covid. The students have to wear masks while writing the exams and how are they going to breathe properly when there is no ventilation," he asked.

The Bangalore Student Community (BSC), a student organisation, is looking at conducting a survey to find out if SSLC students are willing to write the exams under the present schedule, said Dev Bhagat, a BSC member.

"Students said that safety and social distancing norms were violated during the second PU exam. How will the authorities ensure the safety of SSLC students," asked Dhruv Jatti of BSC.

An education department official said, "We will take a decision once we get the BBMP report."


THE RISE & RISE
OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE STATE
The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8. Since then till June 19, a total of 8,281 cases have been reported. A marked speeding up and increase in the number of cases is noticed as each 1,000-mark is crossed. In just 37 days from May 12 to June 19, the tally went up from 1,000 to cross the 8,000-mark
The total active cases are 2,943 with 124 deaths. The total number of discharged patients is 5,210
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DAYS TAKEN TO REACH 1,000-MARK

LOOKING FOR A BREAK

Parents, kids can go on 'workation' to Kodagu resorts

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STUDENTS who missed out on a holiday break because of the two-month lockdown, are now anxious that they still won't be able to go on a vacation because of online classes. So the answer is 'workation' — an opportunity to go on vacation, and yet not miss a single class. For those working from home, it's an ideal vacay too.

Kodagu has taken the lead in this, with many resorts offering 'workation' as an incentive to get more tourists. Resorts

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are offering separate cottages with Wi-Fi facilities so that guests can work comfortably. Students can use television screens in the rooms or the conference rooms to attend online classes. Resorts are focussing on people from Bengaluru to start with, but children below 10 and citizens aged above 60 years are not welcome.

The tourism department, the minister and deputy commissioner have welcomed the idea as it is innovative and will help boost the economy. "New ideas are welcome and we are looking at ways to ensure survival and revival. To draw tourists, hospitality and activities offered are the key and this is unique," Tourism Minister C T Ravi said.

Shriya Krishnan, CSR head of Ibnii Spa and Resorts in Madikeri, said: "After discussion with the local administration, we have announced this service and are open for guests. Many enquiries have started, but we are limiting the bookings because of Covid-19. We are offering a complete package for a week or more, with free Wi-Fi connection. All the guests have to do is carry their laptops and head phones."

The guests will also have to carry their Covid-19 test reports and have to ensure that they are coming from green zones. The resorts have assured the administration to run with half the capacity.

The Telangana government has announced Rs 5 crore financial aide to the family of Colonel B Santosh Babu, who died in the recent face-off between India-China. The government also decided to provide Group-1 job to Santosh Babu's wife

An artist paints Jagannath, Balaram and Subhadra's idols in Bhubaneswar on Friday | BISWANATH SWAIN

Puri's Jagannath temple to revise Rath Yatra rituals

'Changes will ensure that the tradition of the festival is not broken'

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WITH the Sri Jagannath temple's Record of Rights having no provisions of organising Rath Yatra inside the temple premies, Puri Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb on Friday proposed that a new set of nitis be devised to hold the Rath Yatra inside the 12th century shrine premises.

He said the new nitis should be included in the Record of Rights for future reference during emergencies such as the Covid-19 pandemic. "These rituals will become a precedent and ensure that the tradition of the Rath Yatra is not broken," he said.

The Supreme Court on Friday decided not to allow celebration of Rath Yatra anywhere in the State including Srimandir in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Gajapati said the apex court's decision would be upheld as a result of which, the chartiots cannot be pulled outside the temple. A meeting of Sri Jagannath temple managing committee members and Chhatisha Nijog is underway to decide on ways to perform all the rituals related to the Car fest inside the temple premises.

Daitapati servitors, however, said it is impossible to perform Rath Yatra and other related rituals inside the temple. Senior Daitapati Binayak Dasmahapatra said since all the Daitas are now busy taking care of the Trinity in Anasaraghar (sick room), they will hold another meeting among themselves on ways to perfrom the rituals.

It is Daitas who play a vital role in the annual festival from Snana Purnima to Niladri Bije when the deities return to the Ratnasimhasan.

On the other hand, Sankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati said the Supreme Court should review its decision to allow pulling of the three chariots by a minimum number of servitors to continue the tradition of Rath Yatra.

The managing committee members along with Daitapatis will meet the Sankarachaarya on Saturday at the Gobardhan Mutt seeking his guidance over the issue.

Lockdown Day 1: Chennai back indoors

SAHAYA NOVINSTON LOBO @Chennai

AN eerie silence enveloped the bustling streets of Chennai on Friday, the first day of yet-another lockdown to contain Covid, which has been spreading like wildfire. In a single day, the city police seized around 2,000 vehicles, collected fines, and booked the violators. Over the empty roads though, flights continued to ferry travellers in and out of the city.

Starting Thursday midnight, the police shut down several main roads across the city, restricting the flow of vehicles. Flyover bridges were also closed down. The iconic Anna Salai, which connects two parts of the city, was cut off after 2pm. The unannounced changes in vehicular movement made life difficult for essential service providers.

A total of 288 check-posts have been set up across the city. Violators were made to line-up in front of sheds where the cops were sitting, while maintaining a distance of 1metre from each other. A QR scanner was set at a distance deemed safe, and fines were collected through Paytm. Many of those whose vehicles were seized walked their way back home, or worse, hitched rides with others.

Chennai city wears a deserted look on Friday | MARTIN LOUIS

TRACING TECH

Widened definition of 'Contact' gets praise

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"KARNATAKA has widened the definition of 'Contact' to include both high-risk as well as low-risk contacts as defined by the Government of India. The number of primary and secondary contacts in Karnataka were meticulously traced and put under strict quarantine. More than 10,000 well-trained field staff carry out specific responsibilities for contact tracing as per the detailed SOP designed by the state which prescribes step-by-step actions to be performed by each designated person. The Contact Tracing Mobile App and Web Application are being used to overcome the huge quantum of work, genuine forgetfulness of the positive persons and attempts to hide facts due to various reasons," the Union Health Ministry statement said.

Technological interventions like the Seva Sindhu portal, Quarantine Watch and Apthamitra apps were hailed by the Centre as much as physical initiatives like physical and phone-based household survey which has covered more than 1.5 crore households, mobile squads for enforcement of home quarantine through community participation and field visits by ASHA workers.

"Because of the huge numbers and the need for diligent monitoring of quarantined persons, use of technology was necessary. Doing it manually was impossible. The system was overwhelmed and, as they say, necessity is the mother of invention and we adapted. From the very beginning, we worked together with technocrats for development of apps, with doctors for clinical management, with epidemiologists to understand epidemiological aspects of the disease, etc. This experience has been quite fulfilling," said Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Services.

He also expressed happiness over the team's work receiving due recognition.

BBMP sanitises all floors of Vikasa Soudha

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THE health staffers of the BBMP took up sanitisation of all floors of Vikasa Soudha, which has the offices of many ministers including B C Patil, S T Somashekar, Anand Singh and K C Narayana Gowda.

Karnataka Government Employees' Association president Shadakshari told *TNIE* that all staffers have to mandatorily work from their offices. "Some precautionary measures, like using sanitiser, have been taken, but this is not enough. Foolproof screening and testing should be done as the staffers are at risk," he said.

This apart, two staffers of Bengaluru Railway Division tested Covid-positive within 24 hours, potentially putting at risk 11,000 employees. The patients are a Senior Section Engineer (SSE) at Kengeri railway station and a Station Master at Hebbal station.

The 46-year-old SSE was admitted to the Railway Hospital two days ago with symptoms, and tested positive on Friday. "He was shifted to the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Chest Diseases," said Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma.

Earlier in the day, the Divisional Railway Manager's Office was closed and sanitised after a 45-year-old staffer posted at Hebbal tested positive on Thursday evening. "He had visited the office recently in connection with his leave application," Verma said.

In the past few weeks, about 15 police stations in Bengaluru, Kolar, Ballari, Dakshina Kannada, Mandya and other districts too were sealed after the staff tested positive.

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No:TSCL/Tender/CR/13,24,26,16/2020-21 Date:17.06.2020
Tender Notification
Tender has been invited from eligible Bidders for the following works of Tumakuru Smart City Limited. The eligible Bidders may apply by downloading the Tender Document through e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For more information contact Smart City Office number **0816-2278190** and e-portal help desk number **080-22340948**.
Name of the work: (1) Development works at Vidyanagar Pump House, Tumakuru **Amount put to Bid:** 39.91Lakhs **EMD**: 99,775/- **(2)** Construction of Anganwadi Building at Dibbur (Ward no.6) and one more location in Tumakuru **Amount put to Bid:**1.16Crores **EMD**: 2.32Lakhs **(3)** Package- 8 Development of Nethaji Park at Kuvempunagar in ward no.21, Development of Park near Mahaveera Public School in ward no. 09, and Development of park near Rayan Masjid in ward no.13, Ring Road, Tumakuru **Amount put to Bid:** 3.02Crores **EMD**: 4.53Lakhs **(4)** Supply and Installation of Lake amenities along with the allied works at Amanikere, Tumakuru **Amount put to Bid:** 85.30Lakhs **EMD**: 2.13Lakhs **(5)** Providing, Installation & Commissioning of Garden light poles along the bund of Amanikere, Tumakuru **Amount put to Bid:** 2.53Crores **EMD**: 3.80Lakhs **(6)** Construction of Bus Shelters at various locations in Tumakuru **Amount put to Bid:** 1.63Crores **Amount put to Bid:** 2.44Lakhs. **For the above tenders the Last date and Tender opening date will be given in the e-procurement portal. Note:** Any change of date and other information will be notified only in e-procurement portal and no further publications in Newspaper.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakuru Smart City Limited, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/110/MCA/2020-21

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing , 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan
Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-14/1807/2020-21 Date: 19.06.2020
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)
KIADB is inviting tender for Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-II & Above Contractors (Civil) registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work Up-gradation of Existing Roads and Construction of RCC Lead Drain off Mandli-Kallur Industrial Area, Shivamogga District.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **05.07.2020 upto 04:00 pm**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.
Sd/-
Chief Development Officer & Chief Engineer-1
R.O. No.DIPR/358/2020-21

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521
No. SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-P6&T5/20-21/947-48 Date: 19.06.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)
KPTCL invites Tender against **Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/ P.TR/ REPAIRS-CHEEMANGALA/EPR-587/CALL-2/DTD: 18.06.2020** for **Dismantling, Transportation (To & Fro), Repair of Sick Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of Repaired Sick Power Transformer of Rating 8MVA, 66/11KV, VOLT-AMP Make, Sl.No. JN 8014/1, year of Manufacture: 2001- Laying at 66/11kV Cheemangala Sub-Station in TL&SS Division, Chintamani on Total Turnkey Basis (Call-2).**
The Bids will be received through **electronic tendering mode only.** The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by login on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eprocurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.06.2020.** Any details required in this can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele)**
Transmission (M), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Phone : 080-23513952

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Office of the Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management, 2nd Floor, Dasappa Hospital Premises, N.R. Road, Bengaluru-560002
No.: EE 3/SWM/TEND/01/2020-21 Date: 18.06.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)
The Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management, invites tenders from eligible bidders for outsourcing manpower service - SOLID WASTE INSPECTORS for Solid Waste Management Activities. The agency shall supply qualified manpower to the BBMP. Two Cover Bid procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	No. of Manpower	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Providing the services of Solid Waste Inspectors to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.	172	11.50 (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e procurement portal & remaining 10.50 Lakh through Bank Guarantee)

Tender Period : 12 Months.
Calender of events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Last date for uploading queries on: **06.07.2020** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Pre-Bid Meeting on **08.07.2020** at **4:00 p.m.** at office of the Special Commissioner (SWM), BBMP Head Offfice Premises, Room No. 201, 2nd Floor, Annexe Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. **(4)** Last date for receipt of tenders on: **17.07.2020** upto **4:00 p.m. (5)** Date of opening of Technical bids are on **20.07.2020** by **4:00 p.m.** or next working day. **(6)** Opening of financial bids will be intimated to technically qualified bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer-3, Solid Waste Management, BBMP
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Office of the Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Division Chikodi
Tel. No.:08338-275101 E-Mail: ee.rdws.ckd@gmail.com
NO: EE/RDW&S/DN-CKD/PB/BW/TN-07/2020-21/345 Date:18-06-2020
RECALL TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Portal only)
Tenders are invited on behalf of the governer of govt of karanataka according to KTTP act 2000 through e-procurement Portal for the below mentioned works. 19692/ call-5
II)Calendar events are as follows :
i)Downloading of documents through e-potal :03-07-2020 upto 16.30 hours, ii) Date of Pre Bid Meeting:30-06-2020 time 11.00am @ EE R D W & S Division Chikodi, iii) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : on 04-07-2020 at 16.00 hours, iv) Date of Opening of Financial Bid : on 06-07-2020 at 16.30 hours, III) Other conditions & eligibility criteria etc are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.
Sd/-Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division Chikodi
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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No.EE/KNNL/HBC/PB/tender/Man power /2020-21/ 538 Date:16.06.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only)
Percentage tender through e-procurement platform are invited by the EE KNNL, HBC Division, Atahni on behalf of the M.D. KNNL 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building No: 1 Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-01 From For Sl No.3, 4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 A copy of the CEIG registered Class-I Electrical contractor belonging to General Category with labour license, with ESI registration / service tax/ GST registration/ Registered Man power agency with validity (who have experience in LIS O & M /Electro mechanical works) should be enclosed. For Sl No.1, 6 & 15 works A copy of the CEIG registered Class-I Electrical contractor belonging to SC Category with labour license, with ESI registration / service tax/ GST registration with validity (who have experience in LIS O & M /Electro mechanical works) should be enclosed. For Sl No.2 & 5 works A copy of the CEIG registered Class-I Electrical contractor belonging to ST Category with labour license, with ESI registration / service tax/ GST registration/ Registered Man power agency with validity (who have experience in LIS O & M /Electro mechanical works) should be enclosed with caste certificate issued by competent authority and the certificate of domicile of the state of Karnataka for more than 10 years should be enclosed. for the work of 1)Supplying Man Power for Operation and Maintenance of Ainapur LIS 1st Stage at Ainapur for the year 2020 to 2021, 2)Ainapur LIS 2nd Stage @ Mangsuli for year 2020 to 2021, 3) Halyal LIS 1st Stage at Halyal for the year 2020 to 2021, 4) Halyal LIS 2nd Stage at Halyal for the year 2020 to 2021, 5) Karimasuti LIS 1st Stage at Nandagaon for the year 2020 to 2021, 6) Karimasuti LIS 2nd Stage @ Kohalli for year 2020 to 2021, 7) Savalagi Tungal LIS at Kokatanur for the year 2020 to 2021 (Including silt removal & jungle clearence), 8) Supplying of Labours for Water Management of Ainapur 1st and 2nd Stage, 9) HEC Km 0.00 to 40.00 and its Distributary, 10) HWC and its Distributary, 11) Karimasuti West canal, 12) KEC 1st & 2nd stage, 13) Savalagi Tungal East canal & West canal, 14) Operation and maintenance of Hipparagi Barrage, 15) Supplying security guards to Hipparagi Barrage for the year 2020 to 2021.The contractors are expected to apply in Single Cover system (as per KTTP act 2000) The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www .eproc. Karnataka .gov.in/eportal /index.seam (Total 15 work) under H.B.C. Division, Athani)
The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs. 3.80 Lakhs and 21.26 lakhs

1	The contractor can request for e-tendering documents	From 19.06.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 27.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM
2	Last date & time for tender queries	20.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM
3	Submission of completed e-tendering document	From 19.06.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 27.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM
4	Opening of Financial Bid	29.06.2020 @ 11.00 AM

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867
Sd/-xx K K Jaliberi, Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani.

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No. 2419 Date 18.06.2020
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1.	Name of the work:	BUILDING WORKS
2.	Total No. of Works:	01 (One) No.
3.	Estimated cost:	Rs.490.40 Lakhs
4.	Period of completion:	11 (Eleven) Months.
5.	Bid Cost:	Rs.10,000/- Each
6.	Class of Contractor:	"A" & "Special" Class
7.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal:	From 10.00 hours of 25.06.2020 to 17.00 hours of 08.07.2020
8.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal:	17.00 hours of 08.07.2020
9.	Opening date of Bid:	10.00 hours of 09.07.2020
10.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid:	Superintending Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore OIPR-34108/11/0004/2021

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EDITORIAL

"China's flag is coloured red with the blood of its victims. Reject a Chinese world order. ... Demand better and be willing to pay for it. You'll pay in the end anyway

Christine Fair

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— Ramnath Goenka

FOCUS OUGHT TO BE ON REDUCING TRADE IMBALANCE WITH CHINA

Indian consumers' Boycott Chinese Products movement, if it takes off, will touch the third rail of Indo-China diplomatic relations. The Confederation of All India Traders assembled a boycott list of 3,000 Chinese products from bags to toys, though in foresight, such a move could serve a cross purpose. The public sentiment was already fragile due to the coronavirus and the Chinese attack at the Ladakh border has triggered much resentment. Clearly, the Chinese failed to honour the wisdom of the written word at the Line of Actual Control and hence Indians want China to get a taste of its own medicine. If one looks back, the Chinese repeatedly boycotted Japanese goods throughout the 1930s in response to the Japanese invasion, and most recently in response to the Senkaku/Diaoyu Island conflict in 2012.

But economist Kilian Heilmann in a paper concluded that past international trade boycotts failed in several dimensions. Be it the 1950s global boycott movement protesting South Africa's apartheid system, the American boycott of French products during the Iraq War, or the boycott of Danish goods by Muslim countries, they rarely succeeded.

Going by the counsel of the commentariat, there's a ghost of a chance that India's call will be either effective or useful. It's evident that the Chinese attacked 'accidentally on purpose' and the collective public anger giving rise to the boycott chorus is an attempt to punish the export-dependent China, curbing trade as our northern neighbour accounts for 14% of total imports. But the boycott call can succeed when hell freezes over, which is never. For one, Chinese exporters can redirect products to other countries. Two, Indians could lose economic gains. Moreover, almost every country sources from China, so it'll be difficult to segregate imports from other countries. That said, there's an urgent need to reduce export-import imbalance, particularly in essential sectors like pharmaceuticals, which gets 60% raw material from China. So even as we roll with the punches, the government should identify and incentivise such production with godspeed.

NEET QUOTA NECESSARY, BUT DON'T STOP AT THAT

The Tamil Nadu government proposed promulgating an ordinance providing up to 10% reservation in medical admissions to students from government schools who clear the NEET. The state Cabinet recently gave its nod to the proposal.

While the number of government students gaining medical admission was low even before NEET—reportedly 34 joined state medical colleges in 2016— it has plummeted with reportedly less than 20 gaining admission in the last three years while NEET has been in force. There has been a strong popular movement calling for NEET to be abolished on the grounds that it favours those who can afford and access coaching classes and go to CBSE schools. The last two years have also seen a high proportion of students gaining admission after retaking the test. The luxury of taking a year off to study for the test is one few government school students can afford.

While the state has tried to get an exemption for Tamil Nadu from the NEET, its efforts have been futile. Meanwhile, it has been upgrading its state syllabus to bring it on par with CBSE standards and provided some coaching to government school students. The quota proposal is another such effort to help government students access medical education. The proposal is well-intentioned and even necessary, in the short term, to ensure bright disadvantaged students don't lose out on medical education and to ensure that medicine itself does not lose out on the talents, diverse experiences and insights these children will bring to the table. Medicine has a long history of cruelty, blindness and mistakes borne of being the domain of the most privileged in society. Diversity and inclusion are necessary correctives to this history. However, experts have said that the proposal may not stand legal scrutiny. Even if it does, the state must not consider it a standalone solution to a problem. There exist real inequities in every aspect of education in TN. The state must continue to upgrade its syllabi and make greater investments in public school education to ensure that every government school student is able to access a world-class education that allows them to thrive and fulfil their potential.

Our northern neighbour is a menacing power that wants to be acknowledged as the greatest, is inherently expansionist and dissatisfied with the status quo

BEIJING'S VIOLENT RISE MUST BE CHECKED

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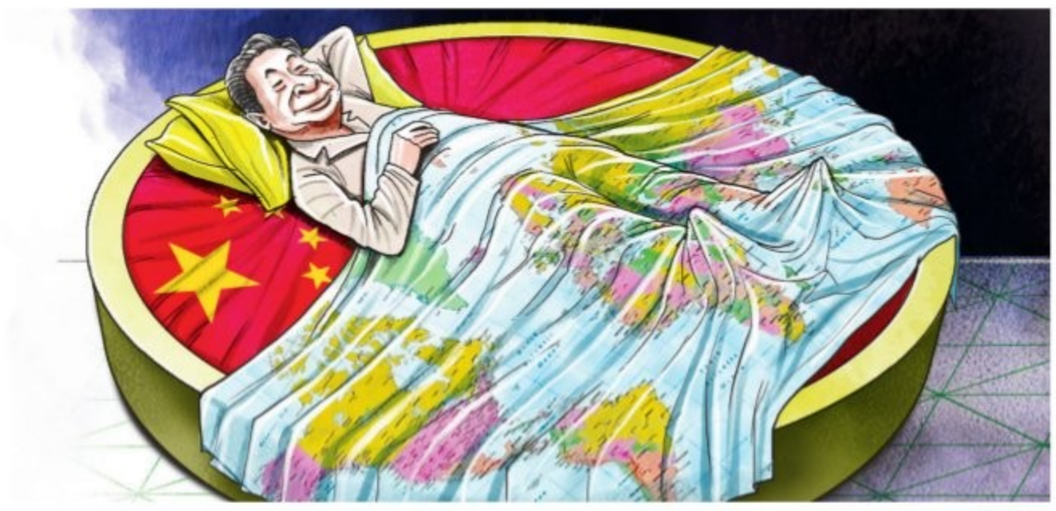

AMIT BANDRE

Following the unprecedented physical brawl at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) that cost the lives of 20 Indian soldiers and an undisclosed number of Chinese troops, China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) blamed India and claimed that "the sovereignty of the Galwan River Valley has always been ours". It was a classic instance of Chinese Communist deceit, backstabbing and propaganda to conceal territorial aggrandisement.

China had previously agreed in military commander-level talks with Indian counterparts that it would disengage from Galwan. For decades before the PLA's ingress into Galwan in May, China had not asserted claims on Galwan. But the gap between what China says one day and what it does on the ground the next day is vast, and is part of its time-tested ploy of keeping adversaries off balance through surprise.

As Mao Zedong, the founder of Communist China and legendary war planner, held during the period of Chinese resistance to Japanese colonialism in the 1930s, "make the enemy uncertain and then attack him by surprise at one point".

While the PLA's military doctrines today are drastically different from those of Mao's guerrillas, the strategic culture of Communist China remains the same because the underlying philosophy of 'historical materialism' (belief that the world goes by material power, i.e. economic and military force, rather than ideals or morals) still guides President Xi Jinping's foreign policy.

China's playbook is to use brute force in limited form where necessary, establish a fait accompli on the ground or waters with quick military thrusts, and then use historical revisionism to claim more and more territory. As cover for this skullduggery, Chinese officials incessantly promote diplomatic concepts like 'harmonious world', 'win-win cooperation', 'universal love and non-aggression', and 'a new type of international relations' based on 'jointly upholding the authority and sanctity of international law'.

Lurking beneath the verbose shibboleths is a menacing great power that wants to be acknowledged as the greatest, which is inherently expansionist and dissatisfied with the status quo. What the PLA did in its savage assault with nail-studded rods and stones against an Indian Army party in Galwan was to show China's true colours—an uncompromising hegemon that seeks to extract as much land and leverage to pressurise states like India that stand in the way of Chinese domination.

States that are substantially weaker than China or do not resist Chinese supremacy are rewarded with a final resolution of territorial disputes. Communist China has settled border disagreements with 17 countries since its inception in 1949, and in 15 out of these 17, it actually conceded territory. But when it comes to India, Bhutan (viewed by Chinese elites as an Indian proxy), Japan and Southeast Asian countries, China is unwilling to compromise on land or sea borders and is pressing forward fresh claims to apply geopolitical pressure.

Since President Xi took office in 2013, China has flexed its military muscle in disputes with India, Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Taiwan. When the Philippines under President Rodrigo Duterte disavowed allegiance to the United States, which Xi's China sees as its main opponent, Beijing softened its approach to Manila and offered economic incentives to it.

> Liberal formulae of accommodating China, making it a 'responsible stakeholder' or meeting China halfway by conceding it the strategic space it deserves, have for long confused nations. But the time for such dilemmas is past

In a reprisal of the ancient notion of Tianxia, China believes it is nominally the ruler of the world, and all the others must accept its superiority and pay tribute to it. Those who dare to deny China its rightful place as the number one power have to face a different China that is fierce and bullying.

The same tradition of 'cartographic aggression', wherein the PLA ingresses into a contested domain and then presents distorted maps claiming that specific area had belonged to China or fell under China's sphere of influence since millennia, is continuing from Mao until Xi.

What is new is that China's toolbox has expanded. Today, it has accumulated huge financial reserves and deploys them to fulfil Xi's 'Chinese dream' of expanded global influence under the umbrella of the $4-8 trillion Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). By means of a cut-throat 'debt trap' strategy, China has found a commercial pathway to gain control over vital waterways, ports and mineral-rich lands.

Yet, the bare-knuckled violence of the PLA in Galwan Valley is a stark reminder that treating China as a purely economic juggernaut that expands in a less threatening way via trade, aid and debt is missing the full picture. There is more than BRI and chequebook diplomacy to China's rise. The less civilised side of China, which people outside Asia and the Indo-Pacific often ignore or dismiss as something too remote to bother them, is growing under Xi's hardline authoritarian rule.

The policy need of the hour is for the whole world to take off blinkers, recognise China as it really is and push it back on multiple fronts. Liberal formulae of accommodating China, making it a 'responsible stakeholder' or meeting China halfway by conceding it the strategic space it deserves, have for long confused nations. But the time for such dilemmas is past. Xi's China is dropping all pretensions and acting in a far cruder and belligerent manner. Chinese force has to be met with proportionate counterforce on a variety of dimensions. The alternative is subjugation.

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DILUTION OF LABOUR LAWS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

JUSTICE V GOPALA GOWDA

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The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in not only an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, but an economic crisis as well. The response of some state governments to the closure of factories and businesses on account of the nationwide lockdown has been to introduce ordinances to dilute the effect of labour laws.

The Uttar Pradesh Temporary Exemption from Certain Labour Laws Ordinance, 2020, suspends the operation of all labour laws in the state for a period of three years, with the exception of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, and certain provisions relating to the security of the workers under the Factories Act, 1948, and Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996. It further provides that work hours can extend upto 11-12 hours a day.

Similarly, Madhya Pradesh has brought in the Madhya Pradesh Labour Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020. News reports also indicate that other states, including Karnataka and Gujarat, are planning to or are in the process of passing similar ordinances.

The moves have received mixed reactions. While large corporations and organisations such as FICCI have welcomed it, trade unions and large sections of civil society have condemned them, for it is essentially the state governments leaving the workers in the lurch by taking away the most basic protections that the law has to offer them.

However, apart from the policy and ethical ramifications, it is crucial to also examine the constitutional ramifications of the promulgation of such ordinances. India is a founding member of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Of the eight Core Conventions of the ILO, India has ratified six. These are Forced Labour Convention (No. 29); Equal Remuneration Convention (No.100); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention (No.105); Discrimination (Employment Occupation) Convention (No.111); Minimum Age Convention (No.138); Worst forms of Child Labour Convention (No.182). While the other two, Freedom of Association and Protection of Right to Organised Convention (No.87) and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention (No.98) have not been ratified by India yet, the public position of the Ministry of Labour and Employment itself is that the ILO conventions serve as a guiding law for labour laws in India, and the government strives to bring domestic labour law at par and in conformity with the high standards set by the ILO conventions. India has also ratified Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976, which enforces the tripartite consultation process between the country, employer and workers that is at the heart of the spirit of the ILO. These ordinances prima facie are in clear violation of the ILO Conventions, which are a globally recognised standard of what domestic labour laws should aspire to be.

Further, these ordinances are also prima facie in contravention of the provisions of the Acts themselves. For instance, the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948, have been suspended. The power to suspend the operation of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948, is found in Section 5, which confers power on the state government to exempt any factory or a class of factories from the provisions of the Act. But it is crucial to keep in mind that this power can be exercised only in case of a 'public emergency'. The term public emergency for the purpose of the Factories Act is defined as a 'grave emergency whereby the security of India or of any part of the territory thereof is threatened, whether by war or external aggression or internal disturbance'. Covid-19 may be the most devastating pandemic the modern world has ever seen, but it still does not qualify as a public emergency for the purposes of the Factories Act, 1948, as it stands currently. It is now a well-settled principle of law that the power conferred on an authority to do something must be exercised in that manner or not at all. Thus, to the extent these ordinances suspend the operation of even one provision of the Factories Act, 1948, vis-a-vis a single factory, they are violative of Section 5 and thus, patently illegal.

> The attempts by some states to dilute labour laws citing the pandemic, leaving workers in the lurch, don't just have ethical ramifications. They are also against the law

Another crucial aspect that requires careful consideration is the issue of federalism. In the case of both the UP and MP ordinances, the assent from the President has not been received yet. Labour laws are found at Entry Nos. 22-24 of List III of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Article 254 of the Constitution lays down the scope of the Centre and states to legislate on subjects in the concurrent list. Article 254(1) provides that when a law enacted by Parliament holds the field, then the law enacted by the state shall be void to the extent it is repugnant to Parliament law. Article 254(2) however, provides an exception to Article 254(1) and provides that the repugnancy can be cured if the assent of the President is received, and that law shall prevail in the state once the President assents to the same. This provision is often employed by state governments to introduce specific provisions for their state on subjects that fall in the concurrent list. In a landmark judgment 'Kaiser-i-Hind Pvt Ltd v. National Textile Corporation (Maharashtra North) Ltd.' [(2002) 8 SCC 182], a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court held that the giving of assent is not an 'empty formality or an automatic event necessitated or to be given for the mere asking' of a state government. It further held that: "In a federal structure, peculiar to the one adopted by our Constitution, it would become necessary for the President to be apprised of the reason as to why and for what special reason or object and purpose, predominance for the state law over the Central law is sought deviating from the law in force made by Parliament for the entire country, including that part of the state."

Thus, deliberation and application of mind are the prerequisites for giving assent to a repugnant state law to hold the field. In terms of Article 213 of the Constitution, the Governor of a state cannot promulgate an ordinance without instructions from the President on a law that requires his assent.

Recently, these provisions also attracted much attention in the context of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and amendments by states to them to dilute key provisions such as social impact assessment. Acquisition of property is also a subject in the concurrent list. Thus, the assent of the President was required before these state amendments could be passed into law. The attempt by state governments to promulgate these ordinances without the assent of the President is thus patently illegal, unconstitutional and a clear disregard for the federal structure, which is a part of the basic structure of the Constitution.

MAILBAG

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No power relief for MSMEs

This is with reference to *Kerala's power shock during pandemic* (Jun 19). The editorial has highlighted the shock inflicted on Kerala consumers by the state electricity board. Although the state has come forward now to give some relief to domestic consumers, there is no such relief for small industries, which have been severely hit.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Ensure mistake isn't repeated

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan's decision to allow consumers to pay their exorbitant electricity bills in instalments is not enough. He must ensure such a mistake on the part of the electricity board does not happen in future.

Krishnachandran T R, Thrissur

Helping prevent suicides

This is with reference to *Community steps to prevent suicide* (Jun 18). Gatekeeper training is perhaps the most useful intervention undertaken by those involved in suicide prevention. Increasing the number of these programmes in various sectors will help greatly in the prevention of suicides.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

International goodwill

India bagging a non-permanent seat in the UNSC by a thumping margin for the eighth time is a measure of the faith and goodwill the country enjoys among the global community. The nation secured 184 out of 192 votes, far over the required two-thirds majority of 128.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

SC intervention was needed

Kudos to the Supreme Court for staying the Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri this time. Due to the Covid crisis, all state governments should take steps to suspend public festivals with large gatherings. After all, God protects those who protect themselves.

N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

Dangerous during pandemic

The SC's verdict on the Rath Yatra is wise, but it is unfortunate that it was forced to intervene. It is also disappointing that temple authorities want the state to file a review petition against the order. Devotees and temple authorities must understand how dangerous the festival can be now.

O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Ignorance of Army practices

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's comments that our troops on the LAC were unarmed smacks of his ignorance of the practices of the Army guarding the borders. This is not expected from a leader of one of the oldest national parties in the country.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Forced to eat his words

Rahul was forced to eat his own words when External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar clarified the Army's protocol. All troops on border duty carry firearms, but the long-standing practice has been to not use them during face-offs. One would expect Rahul to know this as the decision was taken during Congress rule.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Barbaric attack

The duty of a soldier is to safeguard the territories of their countries, among others. It was inhuman on China's part to resort to a pre-planned attack on such brave soldiers with nail-studded rods. The Air Force Association's Kasargod Chapter conveys its condolences to the bereaved families.

M Krishnan Nair, Kasargod

Retribution needed

It is butchery on the part of China to have taken advantage of Indian soldiers observing military discipline. Mere clarion calls to boycott Chinese products are not enough. Strong retributive action from the Army is needed to make Beijing pay for their back-door fighting methods.

Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Yashwant Sinha @YashwantSinha
It is low level politics not to invite RJD and AAP to the all party meeting on the border clash with China. It is shocking.

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
It is ridiculous for EAM to meet with his Chinese counterpart to discuss Corona Pandemic. PM must order him not to go.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
It's sad to see senior GOI ministers reduced to lying in order to protect the PM. Don't insult our martyrs with your lies.

3K additional ITBP troops to be deployed in Ladakh

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

A massive shot in the arm for the army deployed at the LAC is likely to come in the form of at least 3,000 personnel of the mountain trained paramilitary force, the Indo Tibetan Border Police.

Sources in the Union Home Ministry said a large number of ITBP personnel deployed in law and order duties across the country is likely to be moved to various points along the LAC in the Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir within a few days.

Highly placed sources in the government said 15 companies of the paramilitary force, who were engaged in law and order duties, have already been moved from the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir to Ladakh. "An additional 30 companies are likely to be sent to the LAC over the next few days," a source said. One company usually comprises 100-120 personnel.

Around 7,000 troops of ITBP remain deployed along the LAC in J&K and Ladakh region at any given time.

Deployment of more forces is underway at various points along the LAC in view of the build-up of PLA troops by China on its side of the LAC.

The deployment of a significant number of ITBP personnel will come as a force multiplier for the Army as the paramilitary force is already familiar with the hostile terrain of Ladakh.

ITBP troops are deployed at 190 border outposts along the LAC in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand in difficult terrain amid harsh climatic conditions where at some places, temperature even dips down to minus 50 degree Celsius.

The ITBP has served as the eyes-and-ears of the Indian security establishment all along the 3,488-km long LAC between India and China. Some of these posts which manned by ITBP soldiers are as high up as 18,900 feet, considered 'extremely high altitude' zone in defence parlance.s

An army convoy moves on Manali-Leh highway. India is bolstering its forces in Ladakh in the wake of China's aggressiveness | PTI

Two-day visit to area by Air Chief Bhadauria

Air Chief RKS Bhadauria was at Leh IAF base on Wednesday where he reviewed operational preparedness in guarding the sensitive border areas in eastern Ladakh where Indian and Chinese troops have been on a nearly six-week standoff. From Leh, he travelled to Srinagar and held a series of meetings with senior officials.

Air Chief takes stock of IAF's operational preparedness in Leh

MAYANK SINGH AND PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

SU-30MKI fighter aircraft and Apache attack helicopters of the Indian Air Force made an appearance over the Ladakh air space a day after Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria ended his quiet visit to the airbases in Leh and Srinagar on June 17 and 18.

Air Chief Bhadauria was on a two-day visit to check the operational readiness of all the platforms that have been moved to the area in view of the Chinese aggression along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh, where "more than 10,000 PLA troops have been amassed" by the neighbouring country.

The Chinese have reportedly moved in their artillery and armoured vehicles in support of the troops deployed in standoff position since the intervening night of May 5-6, when the soldiers of the two sides clashed between Finger 4 and Finger 5 along the northern flank of Pangong Lake.

Since then, more than 10,000 troops have been positioned at various locations in Galwan Valley, Hot Spring sector and Finger 4 and have done constructions in complete violation of the agreement to not change the status quo.

Apart from deploying forces to counter the Chinese military presence, sources said all the critical air bases have been activated. "Frontline fighters including the Sukhois, Mirages and Jaguars and Apache helicopters have been moved in such a way that minimum reaction time is needed to carry out operations," said a source.

China operates several air force bases in Tibet.

Meanwhile, a discussion has begun to place the border guarding force Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) under the operational command of the Army till the tension continues. "The deployment and operations of the ITBP will be planned by the Army to conduct coordinated operations," said a source.

Further, lending more credence to reports that 10 Indian soldiers were held captive and subsequently released them on Thursday after talks, Chinese foreign ministry Zhao Lijian on Friday said the country 'presently' has no Indian troops in its custody.Earlier in the day, sources informed that 10 soldiers, including two officers, returned unharmed after the Division Commander level talks. The Army had on Thursday evening clarified that "there are no Indian Troops Missing in Action".

'MAKE CHINA EVACUATE GALWAN'

Sonia asks tough questions at all-party meet; some suggest eco measures against China

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SEEKING answers from the government on the India-China faceoff, opposition leaders told the Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the all-party meeting on Friday that the Chinese troops must be evacuated from occupying the high ground in Galwan Valley. They asked if there was an intelligence failure that led to the clash. Some leaders suggested imposing heavy duty on Chinese goods and taking trade and investment measures to counter China.

Alleging that India failed to use all avenues, which resulted in the loss of 20 lives, Congress president Sonia Gandhi asked questions about when Chinese troops intruded into the Indian territory and whether the intelligence agencies faile to report any unusual activity there..

"In fact, even at this late stage, we are still in the dark about many crucial aspects of the crisis. We in the Congress party believe that valuable time was lost between May 5 and June 6, the date on which the Corps Commanders meeting took place. Even after the June 6 meeting, efforts should have been made to talk directly, at the political and diplomatic levels, to the leadership of China," she said.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar said in the last three decades, China has quietly strengthened its position on the nearly 4,000-km LAC and has particularly focused on enlarging and strengthening its presence in Eastern Ladakh. "If we want the PLA to evacuate from Galwan, compulsory measures are required. It would be advisable to strategise using diplomatic channels to diffuse tension on the border and make China see reason," he said.

Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav and Bahujan Samaj party chief Mayawati demanded imposing heavy taxes on Chinese goods so that India does not become a dumping ground for these products.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said Chinese companies should not be allowed to enter crucial sectors like telecom, railway and aviation in India. However, former prime minister H D Deve Gowda called for toning down the nationalist rhetoric and cautioned the government against encouraging calls for boycott of Chinese products.

Backing the government, the BJD and the Shiv Sena said the Centre must take some action. India wants peace, but that does not mean that the country is weak, they asserted.

Suggesting the Centre to initiate high-level talks, the CPM said steps be taken, including clear demarcation of the LAC, to maintain peace and tranquility on the border. "After Kargil, the Vajpayee government had appointed the K. Subrahmanyam Committee to examine lapses and suggest measures to modernise the armed forces. The government must think similarly. India gave the world Panchsheel and pursued an independent foreign policy. This must be strictly adhered to," said party general secretary Sitaram Yechury.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an all-party meeting to discuss the situation along the India-China border via video-conferencing, in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

...Was there a failure of intelligence? The question is, what next?... The country would like an assurance that the status quo ante would be restored and China will revert to the original position

Sonia Gandhi, Congress president

Many Qs on intelligence failures etc. have been raised. After Kargil Vajpayee govt had appointed Subrahmanyam committee to suggest measures to modernise forces. Is there any such thinking?

Sitaram Yechury, CPM general secretary

China blames India for clash yet again; makes move to woo new trade partners

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

CHINA on Friday again blamed India for the Galwan Valley. clash "Regarding the serious situation in Galwan Valley, right and wrong is very clear and the responsibility entirely lies with the Indian side. India and China are in talks to ease the situation," Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said.

Asked about growing calls in India to boycott Chinese goods, Lijian said the two countries can cooperate to maintain long term bilateral relationships.

Hu Xijin, editor of the *Global Times*, the Chinese government mouthpiece, blamed India for the death of its soldiers. "In fact, most of the Indian soldiers died due to the backward logistical support of the Indian army. China shouldn't be blamed," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, in what appears to be a reaction to calls for boycott of Chinese goods in India, Beijing made 98 per cent of products coming in from Bangladesh duty-free from July 1. Experts say this is a direct signal that China can look beyond India in the region to further its interests. "It should serve as a wake-up call for India. Cutting trade ties with Beijing will be more harmful for New Delhi. With China targeting India's age-old allies like Bangladesh, it should be taken seriously. It is also interesting that countries like Bangladesh have not expressed support for India in the Galwan Valley incident," a researcher at the Institute of Chinese Studies said.

Sinologist BR Deepak also urged India to strategically trade with China.

India needs to identify sectors in which trade can be or cannot be done with China. Decoupling China completely will not be favourable
—B R Deepak, chairperson, Centre for Chinese and South Asian Studies at JNU

REPORT ON VARANASI

Media organisations condemn UP Police's FIR against journalist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

JOURNALISTS' networks condemned registration of FIR against Supriya Sharma of the news website *Scroll.in* over a report from Domari village in PM Narendra Modi's constituency Varanasi.

The Network of Women in Media, India (NWMI), the Editors Guild of India and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) condemned the Uttar Pradesh Police's FIR.

"The stringent lockdown to check the spread of the novel coronavirus has led to deep distress and uncertainty for contractual and daily wage workers... Yet, the government and police departments across India, and in Uttar Pradesh in particular, have targeted journalists doing essential work," the NWMI said.

Such cases drain a journalist and small media organisations, NWMI noted. Sharma's reports were well-researched and detailed, it added.

While the CPJ said the UP police should drop the criminal investigation and stop legally harassing journalists, the guild said the various Sections of IPC and the SC/ST Act were an 'overreaction' to the article titled 'In Varanasi village adopted by Prime Minister Modi, people went hungry during the lockdown'.

The investigation was initiated after an article on residents of a village in Varanasi going hungry amid the lockdown. *Scroll.in* in a statement has said that the investigation was 'an attempt to intimidate and silence independent journalism, reporting on conditions of vulnerable groups during the lockdown'.

EXPRESS READ

SC asks govts to comply with order on migrants

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday asked the central and state governments to ensure compliance with its June 9 order and make immediate arrangements to send migrant workers home within 15 days. A three-judge bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, S K Kaul and M R Shah was hearing the suo motu case regarding the miseries and problems of stranded migrant workers due to the lockdown imposed in March to contain the spread of coronavirus. The three-judge bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to ensure that no migrant is asked for payment for travel or food during travel.

India's Covid count nearing 4L; deaths cross 12.5K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Covid 19 pandemic in India grew by the highest number yet again when 13,586 fresh cases were detected across the country in the last 24 hours. India's Covid-19 tally has zoomed to 3,80,532, with 12,573 people dead while 1,63,248 active cases are under medical supervision.

Maharashtra, Delhi and Tamil Nadu recorded the biggest jump in cases on Thursday with 3,752; 2,877 and 2,141 new cases, respectively.

The country also reported 336 deaths related to coronavirus in the last 24 hours of which 100 fatalities were from Maharashtra while 65 were from Delhi. In Maharashtra, the case count has now reached 1,20,504 with 5,751 deaths,

Delhi also witnessed the biggest spike with the total number of patients standing at 49,979 and the death toll rising to 1,969.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued on Friday, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare lauded the "best practices" from Karnataka for disease management which includes the comprehensive contact tracing of positive cases and physical or phone-based household survey which has covered over 1.5 crore households.

"The two initiatives taken by the state government are developed as part of the 'Whole of Government' approach with the involvement of multi-sectoral agencies and supported by technology-based solutions and interventionsm," said the ministry asking other states to emulate these crucial measures.

"They effectively trace and track each case thereby successfully containing the spread of the epidemic....Karnataka has widened the definition of 'contact' to include both the high risk as well as low risk contacts.. The number of primary and secondary contacts in Karnataka were meticulously traced and put under strict quarantine," the ministry said.

Health workers store a swab sample at a testing center in New Delhi | SHEKHAR YADAV

Remdesivir to take at least two weeks to hit the market

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

REPURPOSED anti-viral drug remdesivir, which promises to help reduce hospital time of Covid-19 patients, might take at least two more weeks to hit the Indian market. A few Indian pharma companies, including two in Hyderabad, have license from the US-based Gilead Life Sciences to manufacture remdesivir, which has been allowed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for emergency use for Covid-19 treatment.

While senior officials of Hyderabad-based Hetero Drugs and Dr Reddy's Laboratories did not comment on details on their production capacity, they expect approval by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to come through by June-end for its manufacture.

After the CDSCO permit, it will take at least a couple of more days for state government-level clearances to start manufacturing, pushing its market entry to July first or second week.

In its updated Clinical Management Protocol for Covid-19, the ICMR included remdesivir as an investigational therapy.

Doctors, HCWs with high-risk exposure to Covid to be quarantined for a week initially

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE quarantine period for healthcare workers with high-risk exposure to confirmed Codvid-19 cases has been reduced from 14 days to one week initially, according to the latest advisory by the Union Health Ministry issued on Thursday.

The advisory said after a week, a decision will be taken by the internal committee or head of the departments of the hospital on whether they can return to work, depending on their health status and risk assessment. "After a week, they shall be tested as per ICMR testing protocol, actively monitored for development of symptoms and managed as per laid down protocol," said the guidelines.

"If they test positive but remain asymptomatic they will follow protocol for very mild or pre-symptomatic cases and if they test negative and remain asymptomatic, they will complete 14 day quarantine and return to work," it said. In case they develop symptoms they would be required to follow a different set of protocols.

It also said said that a buddy system be followed in hospitals to ensure that there is no breach in infection prevention control practices. "Under this approach, two or more-person team is formed amongst the deployed hospital staff who share responsibilities for his/her partner's safety and well-being in the context of -appropriate donning and doffing of PPEs, maintaining hand hygiene and taking requisite steps on observing breach of PPE."

WHATSAPP DOWN

WhatsApp went down on Friday evening for millions of users in India and elsewhere who reported issues with privacy settings as well as last seen online status not working

1 GIRL ENDED HER LIFE. SAID TO BE SUSHANT FAN

Ahmedabad	41	30	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	35	24	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	42	31	Patna	32	26
Amritsar	39	26	Lucknow	38	27
Chennai	41	30	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	23
Srinagar	30	15	Chandigarh	39	30

MPs seek proper medical treatment for Varavara Rao

Navlakha bail plea

The Supreme Court on Friday frowned upon the Delhi High Court for having entertained activist Gautam Navlakha's bail plea. "The high court shouldn't have heard it as we had ordered him to surrender," the top court said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

SEVERAL Members of Parliament have written to Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray expressing concern over the deteriorating health of octogenarian poet Varavara Rao who is currently lodged in Taloja jail in connection with Bhima Koregaon case.

The MPs from different parties, including the Congress, DMK, RJD, and the Left, urged Thackeray to shift Rao to a hospital. Lok Sabha MPs Kanimozhi Karunanidhi (DMK-Thoothukkudi), Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy (INC-Bongir), PR Natrajan (CPM-Coimbatore) and Rajya Sabha MPs Manoj Jha (RJD) and KK Ragesh of CPI (M) made the request to the Maharashtra CM quoting Rao's health reports.

The MPs said that they are seeing reports every day of the massive surge in Covid infections within prisons. "It has also come to our notice through the family members of Varavara Rao that the aged 81-year-old poet is vomiting several times daily and is not keeping well. His family also mentioned that Varavara Rao's voice was extremely feeble when he could speak to them on a call made after a month," they wrote in the letter.

Varavara Rao was admitted to JJ hospital on May 30 in Mumbai after he complained of giddiness.

"This deterioration in Rao's health happened while he was under observation of the doctors in the Taloja prison. Rao's health reports from JJ hospital indicate an electrolyte disturbance which could prove detrimental as he is already a cardiac patient," the letter said.

"He has intestinal and ulcers that need urgent investigation (colonoscopy) as directed by doctors while he was in Pune jails. This procedure has not been conducted after more than 6 months of prescription. As he is under such a dire health condition, we urge you to transfer him to a hospital."

The MP also complained that the present level of care provided in the jail is not acceptable.

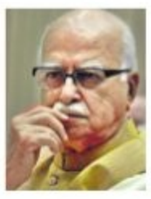
Babri hearing: Advani gets June 30 slot, Joshi on July 1

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

BJP veterans, including **LK Advani**, Murli Manohar Joshi and Kalyan Singh, have been given different dates in June and July for their appearance in a special CBI court in Lucknow through video conferencing in connection with demolition of Babri Masjid case.

Former Union Minister Uma Bharti and Shree Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust chairman Mahant Nritya Gopal Das also figure in this list.

The sources claimed that while Advani was asked to appear before the court via video link on June 30 from his Delhi residence, Joshi will appear on July 1.



Meanwhile, Sadhvi Rithambara and Bharti will appear before the CBI court on June 29 and 30.

These leaders are among those 32 people who were accused of the conspiracy to demolish the disputed structure in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992. Special CBI judge Surendra Kumar Yadav has permitted nine accused to appear before the court through video conference spelling out specific dates for each one of them.

As per the sources, National Informatics Centre, a Government of India organisation, will make arrangements for the video conference at the residences of BJP leaders and others to enable them to take part in the court proceedings.

TRACKING COVID-19

EVERY VOTE MATTERS

In Madhya Pradesh, where there were 3 seats, the fight between the BJP and the Congress was to win 2 seats

Congress MLA Kunal Choudhary, who has tested Covid positive, wearing a PPE kit casts his vote for Rajya Sabha election at MP Assembly in Bhopal on Friday | PTI

SC calls for uniform fee for Covid testing in India

Also asks states, UTs to set up panel for inspection of hospitals

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

TAKING a note of non-uniformity in Covid test rates, the Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre to ensure uniform rates and asked the states to set up a panel of experts for inspection of hospitals to ensure proper care of patients.

A bench comprising Justices Ashok Bhushan, S K Kaul and M R Shah said that there should be uniformity in Covid testing charge in all states. "There should be uniformity in Covid test fee. In some states, it is ₹2,200 and its ₹4,500 in some."

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the court that some states have been negotiating with various stakeholders to ensure that testing charges are reduced.

We further direct that all states shall also constitute an expert team who may inspect, supervise the hospitals and issue necessary directions for the improvement to hospitals and report to govt

Supreme Court

"The Union of India may issue appropriate guidelines/directions to all the States/UTs with regard to prescribing reasonable rates of various Covid related facilities/test etc., which need to be uniformly followed by all concerned. With regard to any particular State/UT, there is any difference, the same may be specifically noticed and directed accordingly," the top court said in its order.

"We further direct that all states shall also constitute an expert team who may inspect, supervise the hospitals and issue necessary directions for the improvement to hospitals and report to the government," the bench said, directing the Health Minister to constitute a committee to visit Delhi hospitals.

It also directed all Covid-dedicated hospitals to permit one attendant of the patient in the hospital premise.

The bench took exception on the part of the Maharashtra government to bar people from receiving results of Covid test and asked it to hand over test results to patients and their kin. The BMC had issued a circular on June 13 which said that the test report will not be shared by the laboratory directly with the patient.

The case will be next heard in the third week of July.

Court gives bail to suspended J&K DSP as Delhi Police fails to file charge sheet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SUSPENDED Jammu and Kashmir DSP Davinder Singh was granted bail by a court on Friday in a terror case after the Delhi Police failed to file a charge sheet on time.

Singh and another accused Irfan Shafi Mir were granted the relief by the court, which noted that the probe agency failed to file a charge sheet within 90 days from his arrest, as prescribed under law. The bail was granted on a personal bond of ₹1 lakh and two sureties of like amount.

Singh, however, will remain jail in the National Investigation Agency (NIA) case for which he was arrested on January 11. The IPS officer and Mir were arrested while ferrying two Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorists in a vehicle on the Srinagar-Jammu Highway.

Singh is currently lodged in Kathua's Heeranagar jail.

On Friday, the NIA said it has "adequate evidence" against Singh in the terror case that it is probing and a charge sheet would be filed against him in due course. In a brief statement, a spokesperson of the NIA said Singh continued to be in judicial custody in the case filed by the agency.

In the court order, Additional Sessions Judge Dharmendra Rana noted that Singh has claimed he was being falsely implicated. "...There is also no material to substantiate that the accused had the intention or conspired to carry out terror strike," the bail plea said.

Smriti Irani launches campaign

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Smriti Irani launched a special campaign 'Empowering the Greater 50%' on Friday. A FICCI and FLO initiative, the campaign aims to create an ecosystem to support women entrepreneurship and celebrate women empowerment.

Addressing the participants, Irani said it was an opportunity where the government and private sector efforts can converge.

PM Modi had announced a stimulus package of ₹20 lakh crore which would empower women and provide financial assistance to the women associated with self-help groups, she said. The FICCI-FLO can look at this as an opportunity to collaborate, she added.

Technology can be used to create better opportunities for women and there should be an added focus on science and technology, said Irani.

The initiative targets to impact the lives of 1,00,000 women in India over the next three years. *ENS*

49 local youth joined militancy this year and 27 of them have been killed in encounters so far. It doesn't give us a pleasure to kill young men. But if anybody picks up arms, we will do what we are doing

Lieutenant General B S Raju, GOC of Army's 15 Corps

People gather outside the mosque where two militants were hiding during an encounter with soldiers at Pampore in Kashmir's Pulwama district | PTI

FORCES ELIMINATE EIGHT MILITANTS, 102 KILLS THIS YR

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

EIGHT militants of Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Taiba were killed in two separate encounters in the restive south Kashmir region on Friday.

With these latest encounters, as many as 102 militants have been eliminated in the Kashmir Valley this year.

Director General of Police Dilbagh Sing told the media that two militants, who were holed up in a mosque at Pampore area in Pulwama district were killed in the gunfight during the night. "One militant was killed in a gunfight in a residential house on Thursday evening while two others had escaped and taken refuge in a local mosque," he said.

The DGP said officers and troops exercised restraint during the operation. No damage was caused to the mosque, he added.

IG, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said to maintain sanctity of the mosque and to ensure zero damage to it, security forces exhibited highest level of patience and professionalism. "They fired tear smoke shells and appealed both the trapped militants to surrender but they didn't," he said.

A video of a local cleric Fayaz Ahmad Khan has gone viral on social media in which he thanked police and security forces for exercising restraint to prevent any damage to the mosque during the operation.

Th IG said five militants were also killed in a night-long encounter with security forces in Shopian district.

Meanwhile, General Officer Commanding of Army's 15 Corps Lieutenant General B S Raju said 49 local youth had joined militancy this year and 27 of them have been killed in encounters so far.

"It doesn't give us a pleasure to kill young men. But if anybody picks up arms, we will do what we are doing," he said.

Most victims are those in working age, says study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19 pandemic is eating up India's workforce unlike most other countries hit badly by the disease.

According to a study, more than 50 per cent of the coronavirus-related deaths in India have occurred in the 35-64 or 40-64 age groups - the most economically productive age groups.

The study by done by researchers attached with the International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai and others is the first ever systematic attempt at assessing the likely effect of the infectious disease spread on mortality and longevity in India.

The pattern of deaths in India is in sharp contrast with developed countries where 70 % of the deaths have occurred among people above 70 years

Sanjay Mohanty, lead author of the study

The study showed that the proportions of death between 30 to 64 years add up to 58.5 per cent while it is 53.5 per cent in the age group 40-64 years.

The analysis was carried out based on data available till May 9 when there were over 65,000 confirmed cases and nearly 2,100 infection related deaths. "The findings highlight that the pattern of deaths in India is in sharp contrast with developed countries where 70 % of the deaths have occurred among people above 70 years," said Sanjay Mohanty, lead author of the study who is with the IIPS, an autonomous body under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

"Two key reasons for this are that our population age-distribution is such that the median age is 24 years and therefore more younger people are available for virus transmission than in those countries," he said.

"The other reason is the relatively high prevalence of problems like diabetes and high blood pressure in people above 40," the lead author added.

The study also noted that the case fatality ratio with 14 days delay for India is at least two times higher — at about 8 % than the official CFR of 3.2. It also found out that about 2.3% of deaths are people aged under 15, 12.8% are in 15-44 age group, 48.2% deaths are in 45-64 age group and 36.8% are in 65+ age group.

Relief for Air India flyers hit by lockdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

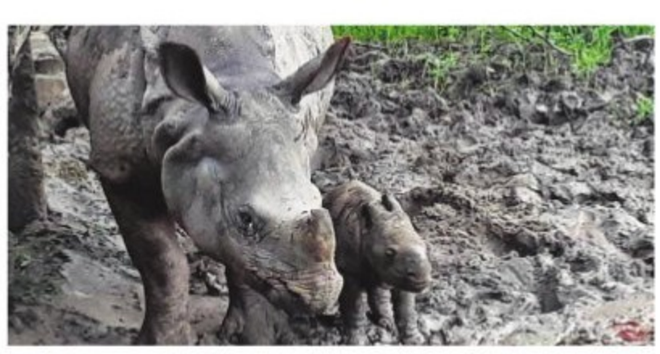
IN a relief to flyers, Air India has announced that all its tickets irrespective of their date of purchase will be considered valid till December 31 next year as part of its new waiver policy.

Their current validity and ticket type i.e. the Value of the ticket will be fully protected, Air India said.

This has come after the Supreme Court last week observed, "Why should credit being issued by the airlines be limited to a short period or for the same route?"

Passengers holding Air India documents and have/had their flights cancelled or were not allowed to travel owing to changed entry restrictions due to Covid from March 15 onwards till August 24 can avail this option. Also, the booking must be done before December 31, 2021 and the journey to be completed latest by the end of the next year.

For changing route, a passenger will be allowed to adjust the value of the existing ticket against the new fare. Tickets will have to be reissued along with the difference of fare, if applicable.



Second rhino birth in Patna zoo this year

The Patna zoo witnessed its second rhino birth this year as a male baby was born on Tuesday morning. The male rhino was born to a pair of one-horned rhinoceros Rani and Ayodhya after months of proper care. The zoo officials have named the newborn male as 'Yuvraj' and they are elated over the arrival of this new guest. Amit Kumar, zoo director, said that it was the second rhino birth at the zoo this year. A female rhino was born earlier in May.

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PATNA DIARY

'Shramik-Sathi' app to help unorganised workers

The National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) and social organisation Nidan have joined hands with a Noida based software company to help about 10 lakh unorganised workers in Bihar through an online link and app called Sharmik-Sathi. NASVI chairman Chandra Prakash Singh said that the link and the app are operational now and will help unorganised workers in availing their social and economical rights including employment entitlements. According to Nidan's senior officer Rakesh Tripathi, Vishal Anand - program manager of Nidan - will lead the campaign in Bihar to help the unorganised workers. Technology is being increasingly used by states to help their official machinery to reach out to workers who have lost jobs.

Madhubani painting to adorn Govt offices

All government buildings at Punauradhama in Bihar's Sitamarhi district— the birthplace of Sita— will now have a different look with traditional Madhubani paintings adorning their walls. The young artists of the district and skilled painters from other districts will be trained and asked to beautify the government building with Madhubani paintings. Official sources said that the Government of India has given the approval to start the work. Traditionally done on freshly plastered mud walls and floors of huts, but now they are also done on cloth, handmade paper and canvas

India's biggest Khadi mall opens e-portal

One can now buy online the products from the country's first and biggest Khadi mall in Patna. Industry Minister Shayam Rajak launched the e-commerce portal for the four-storied store-cum-mall. "All products of state's Khadi and village industries in latest and fascinating designs and world-class quality are now available online," Rajak said. He also added that launching of e-commerce portal would promote safe trading of Khadi amid the Covid-19 outbreak. He said Bihar-born Bollywood actor Pankaj Tripathi has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar Khadi.

5 civilians were killed on Friday in fresh Turkish air strikes on Iraqi Kurdistan, a local official said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	34	24	SNY	Los Angeles	23	16	SNY
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	16	7	LR
Doha	39	28	SNY	Moscow	25	14	HR
Dubai	39	29	SNY	New York	27	19	LC
Houston	35	23	SNY	Singapore	29	25	TDS
Istanbul	27	19	HR	Toronto	28	17	SNY
London	21	14	LC	Washington DC	26	20	LR

China charges two Canadians with spying

Communist country denies any link between this move and arrest of Huawei exec, outside experts see them as tied

BEIJING

CHINESE prosecutors have charged two detained Canadians with spying on Friday in an apparent bid to step up pressure on Canada to drop a US extradition request for a Huawei executive under house arrest in Vancouver.

Michael Kovrig was charged by Beijing on suspicion of spying for state secrets and intelligence. Michael Spavor was charged in Dandong, a city near the North Korean border, on suspicion of spying for a foreign entity and illegally providing state secrets.

The charges were announced by China's highest prosecutor's office in brief social media posts. Asked what evidence China had against the two, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said only that each is charged with "secretly gathering state secrets for overseas forces with particularly serious consequences."

Screengrabs from earlier videos of Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig | AP

"The facts are clear and the evidence solid and sufficient," Zhao told reporters at a daily briefing. Zhao gave no details.

Both men have been held for 18 months. They were detained shortly after the December 2018 arrest of Meng Wanzhou, a top executive at Chinese tech giant Huawei.

The daughter of Huawei's founder was arrested at the request of US authorities who want her on fraud charges related to trade with Iran. A Canadian judge ruled this month that the US extradition case against Meng could proceed to the next stage.

China has denied any explicit link between her case and the lengthy detention of the two Canadians, but outside experts see them as tied and Chinese diplomats have strongly implied a connection. Meng has been released on bail while her extradition case proceeds in court and is residing in one of her two Vancouver mansions where she is reportedly working on a graduate degree. Kovrig and Spavor are being held at an undisclosed location and up to now, have been denied access to lawyers or family members.

Relations between Canada and China are at their lowest point since the Chinese military's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protests centred on Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Canada's diplomats in China have been meeting regularly with their detained citizens but there was no immediate comments on the new indictments. *AP*

UK claims Covid under control, lowers alert

LONDON

BRITAIN lowered its coronavirus threat level one notch on Friday, becoming the latest country to claim it's getting a national outbreak under control.

The UK's Joint Biosecurity Center recommended moving the Covid-19 risk in the country from the second-highest level, 4 — meaning transmission is high or rising exponentially — to level 3, where an epidemic is in general circulation.

Health officials say there's been a steady decrease in cases across the UK, but localised outbreaks are still likely. Britain has Europe's highest pandemic death toll with more than 42,000 virus-related deaths and over 3,00,000 cases.

Lowering the alert level was "a big moment for the country, and a real testament to the British people's determination to beat this virus," Health Secretary Matt Hancock said.

Germany sees spike in cases

Germany on Friday reported the country's highest daily increase in virus cases in a month after managing to contain its outbreak better than comparable large European nations. The Robert Koch Institute, Germany's disease control centre, listed 770 new confirmed cases, taking the country's total to 1,88,534. *AP*

1 bn children experience violence every year: UN

Half of the world's children — one billion every year — are affected by physical, sexual or psychological violence, suffering injuries and death, the first report of its kind from the UN has said

LOCKDOWN MAKES IT WORSE

Experts have noted that the corona virus-related lock downs have left far too many young sters stuck with their abusers in the *Global Status Report on Preven ting Violence Against Children 2020*

88% Nearly all countries (88%) have laws in place to protect minors

47% of the countries strongly enforce them

FIRST GLOBAL HOMICIDE ESTIMATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER18 **40,000** children were victims of homicide in 2017

INCREASE IN HELPLINE CALLS

Spikes in calls to helplines for child abuse and intimate partner violence have also been observed, the report said

32-37% of the countries considered that victims of violence could access support services

26% of the countries provided programmes on parent and caregiver support

21% of the countries had programmes to change harmful norms

15% of the countries had modifications to provide safe physical environments for children

CYBERBULLYING

While online communities have become central to maintain many children's learning, support and play, an increase in harmful online behaviours including cyberbullying, risky online behaviour and sexual exploitation have been identified

80% of countries have national plans of action and policies

1/5th of nations have plans that are fully funded or have measurable targets

Twitter labels Trump's video as manipulated

LONDON

TWITTER has slapped another label on a tweet by US President Donald Trump, this time warning that a video he shared was doctored and escalating the social media company's crackdown on one of its most widely followed users.

After Trump tweeted the video on Thursday, Twitter took the rare step of adding a warning that it was "manipulated media" and linked to a page that said multiple journalists confirmed the clip was edited to make it look like a *CNN* broadcast. The video remains visible in Trump's timeline.

The doctored clip used footage from a video that went viral last year of two toddlers, one black, one white, which CNN used for a story it did on the boys' friendship.

The video begins with footage of the boys running set to ominous music, with a fake misspelled *CNN* caption reading, "Terrified todler runs from racist baby." Then it cuts to a footage from the original video of the boys running to each other and hugging, which formed the basis of the original *CNN* story, before showing the message, "America is not the problem. Fake news is."

Trump lashed out at Twitter last month after it added fact-check warnings to two of his tweets on mail-in voting, and vowed to add new regulations to rein in social media companies. *AP*

Georgia takes down Confederate obelisk amid celebrations

Workers remove a Confederate monument with a crane on Thursday in Decatur. The 30-foot obelisk was erected in 1908 | AP

DECATUR

WITH hundreds of people watching as midnight approached, a crane moved in and took down a Confederate monument that stood in the town square of an Atlanta suburb since 1908.

The stone obelisk was lifted from its base with straps amid jeers and chants of "Just drop it!" from onlookers in Decatur, Georgia, who were kept a safe distance by sheriff's deputies.

Mawuli Davis, a driving force behind the lobbying effort to remove the monument, watched with others as the obelisk was slowly lowered onto its side and slid to a waiting flatbed truck. Davis' organization, the Beacon Hill Black Alliance for Human Rights, held a demonstration in front of the monument just a day earlier, pleading for its removal. "This feels great. This is a people's victory. All of our young people from Decatur High School that made this happen. All of these organisers, everybody came together," Davis told *The Associated Press*. "This is it. This is a victory for this country. This is an example of what can happen when people work together." Groups like Davis' and Hate Free Decatur had been pushing for the monument to be removed since the 2017 white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The monument was among those around the country that became flashpoints for protests over police brutality and racial injustice in recent weeks, following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis. The city asked a Georgia judge last week to order the removal of the monument, which was often vandalised and marked by graffiti, saying it had become a threat to public safety.

DeKalb County Judge Clarence Seeliger agreed, and ordered the 30-foot obelisk in Decatur Square to be removed by midnight June 26 and placed in storage indefinitely. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri. K.K. Harish, S/o. Krishnappa, Residing at No. 338/441, 2nd Cross, Chowdeshwari Nagar, Laggere, Peenya Post, Bangalore - 560 058, has lost following documents while shifting house:-

a) Original Sale Deed dated 20.09.2014, document No. 3479/2014-15, executed by one Sri. R. Srinivas, representing as GPA Holder of 1) Sri. Pillappa, 2) Sri. Nanjappa and 3) Sri. Nagaraja, in favour of T.Tumakeshava.

b) Original Rectification Deed dated 3.1.2015, document No. 5134/2014-15 executed by one Sri. R. Srinivas, representing as GPA Holder of 1) Sri. Pillappa, 2) Sri. Nanjappa and 3) Sri. Nagaraja, in favour of T.Tumakeshava.

c) Original GPA dated 7.4.1994 executed by 1) Sri. Pillappa, 2) Sri. Nanjappa, and 3) Sri. Nagaraja, in favour of R. Srinivas, which is sworn before Notary, Bangalore.

In this regard my client had already lodged a police complaint dated 9.3.2020 before the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore. Hence, the general public are hereby informed / notified that any person or persons find the same, they can contact undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of Northern portion of immovable property bearing No. 11/1, formed in Sy.No.78, Assessment No.78/1, situated at Srigandadakavalu, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 73, measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 20 feet, totally measuring 600 square feet, bounded on East by: Property No. 11, West by: Road, North by: Road and South by: Southern portion of property bearing No. 11/1.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We, **MOHAMED RAMEEZ RAOOF ALI S/o. RAOOF ALI** and **AMEENA MARIAM W/o. MOHAMED RAMEEZ RAOOF ALI** both are R/at No.26, 1st Main Road, Hutting Colony, Indiranagar 1st stage, Bangalore-560 038, herewith **purchasing residential building** constructed on **site bearing No.133, Block-1, Koramangala Extension, Bangalore, in Corporation Ward No.68,** which is measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, **totally measuring 2400 square feet,** and bounded as follows: **East by:** property bearing No.102, **West by:**Road, **North by:**property bearing No. 132, **South by:** property bearing No.134 from **Mrs. KAVITH KHEMKA** D/o. Late G.M. Agarwal, r/at No.04, Gulmohur, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisana -halli, Bangalore-560103. Anybody got any objection, kindly intimate along with necessary documents to my advocate **within FIFTEEN(15) DAYS,** from the date of this publication.

T.V. TAJPEER SAB, Advocate
No. 5, 1st Floor, HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that, my clients **(1) Susheelamma,** aged about 77 years, first wife of late Ankappa **(2) Jayala kshmamma,** aged about 58 years, second wife of late Ankappa **(3) Komala,** aged about 28 years, D/o late Ankappa, represented by her Power of Attorney Jayalakshmamma, mother **(4) Divya Mangala,** aged about 26 years, D/o late Ankappa, all residents of No.75, Mahalakshmi puram, Muneshwara Block, 3rd Main, Bangalore, my clients are exercising the rights of absolute ownership and being in possession of the schedule property and some disgruntled persons are acting detrimental to the interest of my clients are making attempts of creating false, frivolous and forged document in respect of the schedule property and are making too tall claim for themselves. The General Public are hereby informed not to deal with any other person/s except my clients in respect of the schedule property and if any person/s were to deal with the other persons other than my clients, they are doing so at their risk. That illegal action will not bind my clients and the schedule property. As such, the General Public are hereby informed not to deal the schedule property with any other person/s except my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of **Site No.19, Door No.75,** situated at **Block No.57,** Old Sy.No.1, **Jarakubandekavalu Grama, 3rd Main, Munesh wara Block, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West: Northern side 36 feet, southern side 35 feet and North to South 60 feet, PID No.14-96-19, bounded on: **East by :** Sallapuramma Temple, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.18.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Haryana that **M/s.LTG CONSTRUCTIONS.** may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal objects of the company is "Construction activities".
3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at **336, 1st floor, 3rd main road, 2nd cross, 1st phase, Manjunathanagar, Bangalore 560010.**
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre(CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Plot No 6,7,8. Sector 5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Pin code 122050 within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 18 th June 2020

Name(s) of Applicant, Sd/-
1. Mr.H.P. Lakshmana
2. Mrs.B. Tara

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Competitive item rate bids are invited for following works.

Name of Work:-Construction of Multipurpose Cyclone Shelters in

1) Muttathara, Muttathara Village, Thiruvananthapuram (ID 2020_NCRMP_ 364562_01)
2) Kasaba, Kasaba Village, Kozhikode (ID 2020_NCRMP_ 363940_1)

The Bid Documents can be downloaded from the Government's e-procurement Portal **(www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)** and for more details regarding the tenders and bidding process please visit **www.sdma.kerala.gov.in**

Sd/-, State Project Manager

Enquiries: State Project Manager, NCRMP, 3rd Floor Room No:-E-203, ILDM Building, PTP Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695038; Email:- ncrmp.kerala@gmail.com, Phone-0471-2365494 RO/01011/D3/2020/I&PRD

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT RULES 2002) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Andhra Bank** now Union Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **03.02.2020** calling upon the borrower Shri. **Mrs. G K Shobha & Mr. K N Udayakumar** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 6,38,397.00 (Rupees Zero Crores Six Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven and Zero Paise)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **16th day of June 2020 of the year.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India** for an amount **Rs. 6,38,397.00 (Rupees Zero Crores Six Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Seven and Zero Paise)** as on **03-02-2020** and Interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that Residential Flat bearing No. P 211 in Level Two (First Floor) in Block 'P' of "Ittina Mahaveer" built in Sy. No. 156/2 and 101 situated in Doddatoguru village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, Bangalore South Taluk (Now Bangalore East Taluk) and measuring 589 Sq. Ft of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas of common use with one covered car parking space, together with 176 Sq. Ft undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land referred above and bounded by: East: Remaining portion of Survey No. 101, West : Property in Survey No. 102, North: Road and remaining portion of Survey No. 156, South : Boundary of Anekal Taluk. The boundries of the Flat No. P 211 is: East: Corridor, West: Open Space, North: Flat No. 210, South : Flat No. 212.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.06.2020

Sd/- AGM/Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, S. Vignesh & Mrs. M. Latha, W/o. S. Vignesh, R/at # 164/1-2, 6th Cross, 4th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560023, have changed our daughter's name from **LAKKISHA V. to V.L. SHUBA SHREE** vide affidavit dated 19-03-2020 sworn before notary S.I. Balaguru Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) MUSTAFA ABDUL REHMAN,** Residing at No. 30, Mubin residency, 5th Cross, Syed Block, Annasandrapalya, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED MUSTAFA** vide affidavit Dated 19/03/2020 sworn before Notary A.C.Subbu Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, SUDEER URS K M and **POOJA BALIGA BANTWAL,** Residing at No. 69, Kunuru, Kasaba Hobli, Haralagallu Post, Kanakapura, Ramnagar-562117, we changed our Minor Daughter's name from **BHUVI SUDEER URS** to **BHUVI SUDHIR** vide affidavit Dated 19/06/2020 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RUDRESHAIAH B.S.** S/o **Sadashivaiah**, R/at Byandahalli Village, Kadabagere Post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-562 130, have changed my name to **RUDRESHIAH B.S.**, vide affidavit dated 17.6.2020, sworn before Notary **R. Lakshminarayan,** B.H. Road, Nelamangala.

DECLARATION

I, R. VIJAYAKUMAR, F/o S.V. RAKSHITHA R/o : House No. 60 & 61, 2nd Main, Vinayaka Nagar, Baglur Main Road, IAF Post, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063 hereby declare that the names **R. VIJAYAKUMAR** and **R.R. VIJAY** pertain to me only but my name in usage is **R. VIJAYAKUMAR** Vide Affidavit dated 17-06-2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME & DATE OF BIRTH

I, LOKESHWARI B w/o Bhaskar. P residing at 10/1, 4th Cross, L. D Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore -560032, wrongly mentioned my name as **LOKESHWARI. P** and Date of Birth **01.06.1974** in the old documents, here declaring that my correct name is **LOKESHWARI. B** and Date of Birth is **01.06.1971** vide Affidavit dated 18/06/2020 sworn before Notary R. Narayana Swamy Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called **LOKESHWARI. B** and my Date of Birth is **10.06.1971.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) CHABILATA NAYAK,** W/o Prakash Chandra Nayak, residing at No. SMQ P-320/24, HQTC (U), IAF, JC Nagar Post, Hebbal, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) CHHABILATA NAYAK** vide affidavit Dated 18/06/2020 sworn before Notary N. Peruvazhuthi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHAITHRA B M M/o Mithun S R/o : House No.23, 6th Cross, Verma Layout, Near SLS Apartment, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, Dasarahalli, HA Farm, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, have changed my minor son's name from **MITHUN S** to **AGASTHYA SATHISH** vide Affidavit dated 17-06-2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) TRUPTHI LAKSHMINARAYANA SHEETY, Residing at No. 780, Old Bellary Road, Near Railway Gate, Kariyanna Layout, Kempapura Hebbala, Bengaluru-560024, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) TRUPTHI SHETTY** vide affidavit Dated 19/03/2020 sworn before Notary A.C.Subbu Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ZARINA alias ZAREENA BEGUM A KHAN alias ZAREENA BEGUM ABDUL KHADAR KHAN W/o Late. ANSAR ALI R/o : No. 544, 9th B Main, Near Newton Public School, B Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **ZARINA alias ZAREENA BEGUM A KHAN alias ZAREENA BEGUM ABDUL KHADAR KHAN** to **ZARINA M. SHAIKH** vide Affidavit dated 16-06-2020 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

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LOST

I, **Pradeepa H,** S/o. Kalappa H, Residing at Room No.21, Jayadurga PG, 17th Main, CHBS Layout, Saraswati Nagara, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 079. have lost my 10th (SSLC) Marks Card (vide no. 4133360) & 12th (PUC) Marks Card (vide no. 4615252) issued by CBSE & Rural Certificate. If found please contact: **86187 61686**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Name of work: Providing Improvements to water supply facilities at Sullia town panchayath under Nagarothana–3 grants of Dakshina Kannada district.**Description of work**: Construction of Jack well cum pump house at Sullia town under Nagarothana-3 grants.

1) Tender Number: E-procurment portal tender no:KUWSDB/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT2784 **2)** Approximate Amount put to Tender: Rs.1.84 crores. **3)** Tender processing fee: As per e-procurement portal. **4)** Earnest Money Deposit @ 1.5% Rs.2.77 Lakhs. **5)** Date and time for commencement of downloading of tender document: 19.06.2020 after 11:00 hrs **6)** Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 06.07.2020 upto 17:00 hrs. **7)** Pre-Bid Meeting: 07.07.2020 after 11:00 hrs. **8)** Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders 18.07.2020 upto 17:30 hrs. **9)** Date and Time of opening of Technical Bid: 22.07.2020 after 11.00 hrs. **10)** Date and Time of opening of Financial Bid: 25.07.2020 after 11.00 hrs

1) The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. **2)** The details regarding participation in e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from the office of the Undersigned during office hours. **3)** The aspiring Contractors, who have not obtained the user ID & Password for participating in e-Procurement, may now obtain the same by requesting e-Procurement Cell Centre at e-Governance Department, Room No.141, Gate No.2, M.S Building, Bengaluru, Phone No. 080-22371090 / 22373788, email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. **4)** Registration in the Board is not mandatory to apply for the above said work. **5)** Tenderers must provide earnest money deposit and pay tender processing fee as specified in rows 4 and 5 of the Table above and as detailed in Clause 13 of the Instructions to Tenderers (ITT). **6)** Right to accept or reject the tender rests with the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Mysuru. For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, Mysuru zonal office, KUWS & D Board, Mysuru, may please be contacted or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement helpdesk 080-22371090 / 22373788, email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

Contact Authority: Deputy Chief Engineer, Mysuru zone.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, K.U.W.S. & D BOARD, Mysuru.

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EXPRESS READ

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RAMCO CEMENTS' NET PROFIT DIPS 13% TO ₹143 CR IN FOURTH QTR

Chennai: The Ramco Cements Ltd Friday reported a ₹13.17 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹142.90 crore for the fourth quarter ended on March 31, 2020, mainly impacted by coronavirus-induced lockdown. The company had posted a net profit of ₹164.5 crore during the January-March quarter of 2018-19, The Ramco Cements'said in a regulatory filing. "In view of the lockdown declared across the country by the central/state governments due to COVID-19 pandemic during the second half of March 2020, the company"'s operations at all locations were adversely impacted," the company said in a statement.

EASY CASH

RBI DOUBLES WITHDRAWAL LIMIT TO ₹1 LAKH FOR PMC DEPOSITORS

New Delhi: In a relief to the depositors of the scam-hit PMC Bank, the RBI has enhanced the withdrawal limit to ₹1 lakh to mitigate their difficulties during Covid-19 pandemic but extended the regulatory restrictions on the cooperative bank by another six months till December 22. The new withdrawl limit of ₹1 lakh per depositor is inclusive of the withdrawal limit of ₹50,000 per depositor of the multi-state cooperative bank, according to an RBI release. The RBI also enchanced withdrawal limits of four other cooperative banks including Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha and Youth Development Cooperative Bank.

FUNDRAISE

ODISHA'S MILK MANTRA RAISES $10 MILLION FROM US-BASED DFC

New Delhi: Milk Mantra, an Odisha-based dairy food start-up, has raised $10 million (nearly ₹80 crore) from US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC). DFC has also approved $371,000 (₹2.8 crore) in technical assistance to increase the impact of its loan to Milk Mantra. The investment by the US DFC is the first direct and substantial investment into Odisha. This investment potentially opens up the opportunity to attract more investment from US DFC into not only Odisha but also other neighbouring states in the east. With this investment, Milk Mantra has so far raised nearly ₹300 crore which has already been invested.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
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GOLD
₹6 ▲ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,971 | ₹6 ▲ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,557

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US may reinstate preferential trade status for India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Donald Trump administration is renegotiating trade terms with India amidst the rising tensions between India and China that threatens the business environment.

Sources from the Ministry of Commerce says the United States has offered to restore India's beneficiary status under its trade preference programme Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), while seeking relaxations of norms for retailers and medical devices. "The fresh negotiation is underway. It is too early to comment on that but we are considering a deal with the US," said a senior official, without revealing further details.

> **We are in negotiations with India, we took away their GSP, and we are in the process of restoring it if we can get an adequate counterbalancing proposal from them**
> Robert Lighthizer, Trade Representative, US

US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer has confirmed the development. "We are in negotiations with India, we took away their GSP, and we are in the process of restoring it if we can get an adequate counterbalancing proposal from them," Lighthizer told members of the Senate Finance Committee, according to reports. Acknowledging that negotiations with India are clearly taking longer than he expected, he assured that negotiation is on.

"We have a big negotiation with India... and potentially even moving to an FTA (Free trade agreement) at some point if we can ever make a headway, and that is Asia," he said, adding that bilateral discussions are being held. Currently, the US and India trade on WTO terms as they do not have a bilateral FTA.

Officials also added that even if one or two sticky points are resolved, it will be gain for both sides. "There are some sticky points like local sharing of data, roll back of retaliatory tariff on Indian products," said an official.

GSP has been a key part of India-US trade allowing India duty-free access to US markets.

Until it was removed from the GSP list, India used to get benefits worth around $6.3 billion — out of the $46 billion worth of goods it exports to the US — by means of zero or reduced tariffs on 2,167 products. The preferential treatment was given mostly to labour-intensive sectors like leather, jewellery and engineering. The termination of GSP benefits, however, was nowhere as crippling as Indians feared. Officials had earlier estimated that it ranged between 0.25 per cent and eight per cent.

RBI panel mulls levying cash withdrawal fee

A committee on ATM transactions suggests imposing charges on cash withdrawals above ₹5,000, reveals RTI

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THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) committee on ATM transactions made a few eyebrow-raising recommendations last year. From imposing fee on ATM withdrawals above ₹5,000 to increasing the interchange fee by ₹2 each for both financial and non-financial transactions to raising the fee for financial transactions over and above the free transactions to recommending a pouplation-based approach for fixing ATM interchange fee and customer charges, the report covered them all.

The panel headed by V G Kannan, then CEO of Indian Banks' Association had submitted the report last October, but the central bank hasn't released the report yet. However, Srikanth L of Cashless Consumer, a consumer collective focused on digital payments sourced the report through an RTI request and placed it in public domain this week. The panel suggested charging ATM withdrawals above ₹5,000 in order to discourage high cash withdrawals. Between April and June 2019, about 66 per cent of ATM transactions were below ₹5,000. "Banks may levy charges on the customer for every individual transaction above ₹5,000," Kannan noted.

Similarly, the panel also proposed to raise the cap on financial transactions over and above the free transaction limit by 20 per cent to ₹24 per transaction from ₹20 per transaction, excluding taxes.

For ATM transactions in centres with population of above one million, it recommedned the interchange fee to be increased to ₹17 from ₹15 for every financial transaction and to ₹7 from ₹5 for every non-financial transaction.

Likewise, for ATM transactions in centres with population of below one million, the fee would be increased to ₹18 from ₹15 for every financial transaction and to ₹8 from ₹5 for non-financial transaction.

While the cost of operating ATMs shot up in recent years, the interchange fee and the cap on customer ATM usage charges wasn't reviewed since 2012 and 2008, respectively.

According to the report, the average monthly cost of operating an ATM was between ₹75,000 and ₹80,000 per machine. If there were an average of 120 transactions on every ATM a day, the blended cost per financial transaction would be in the range or ₹15.6 to ₹16.7. Currently, the blended interchange fee stands at ₹12.50 including a ₹15 interchange fee for financial transactions and ₹5 for non-financial, it noted.

"The usage of ATMs in India by the account holders has gone up considerably over the last decade and half. However, the ATM access in India lags most of the emerging markets and large economies like Russia, Brazil, China, South Africa, US, UK etc with only 22 ATMs being available per 100,000 adults in the year 2017... from last three years new ATM deployments have beeb more or less stagnant due to probhibitive costs of operating ATMs making them unviable," the report pointed out.

Meanwhile, the report suggested that for centres with population below 1 million, the number of free ATM transaction should be increased from five to six per month, while in metros and satellite towns, it suggested retaining the exisitng 3 free ATM transactions per month. The same would apply to all centres with a population of over one million and above.

Cap on financial transaction raised

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Centre invites bids to engage advisors for LIC IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE government has issued a request for proposal (RFP), for selecting advisors to steer partial disinvestment of its equity shareholding in state-run insurance company Life Insurance Corporation through an initial public offer (IPO), thus formally initiating the sell-off process.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (Dipam) under the finance ministry, has issued a RFP, for pre-transaction advisors for the same. As per DIPAM, the role be required to advise the government and LIC on optimal capital structure, face value and bonus ratio to prepare three year overallconsolidated financial statement, deciding on modality and timing of the IPO, to assist in compliance with Sebi and Irdai's listing regulations and to advise government on the necessary amendments needed to the LIC Act. The RFP seeks to engage up to two pre-IPO transaction advisors from "reputed professional consulting firms/ investment bankers/ merchant bankers/ financial institutions/ banks, independently (not in consortium) for facilitating or assisting Dipam in the preparatory processes leading to the IPO of LIC."

According to the RFP, the prospective advisor can seek clarification online till June 29. There will be a pre-bid meeting on June 30, and the bid can be submitted till July 13.

LIC was established in 1956 through an Act of Parliament. Currently, the government holds 95 per cent stake in LIC and the Finance Minister had announced to partially divest its stake in the insurance major. Listing of LIC would require amending the LIC Act and will change many structure in the company especially how it handles it's surplus. The company shares five per cent surplus with government.

RIL becomes net debt free by raising ₹1.69 lakh cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Mukesh Ambani Friday announced that his oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries is now net debt-free after raising a record ₹1.69 lakh crore from global investors and a rights issue in less than two months. Shares of RIL surged as much as eight per cent to a new record high after the announcement and the market capitalisation of the country's most valuable company topped the ₹11 lakh crore mark for the first time ever.

Reliance raised ₹1.15 lakh crore from global tech investors by selling a little less than a quarter of the firm's digital arm, Jio Platforms Ltd, and another ₹53,124.20 crore through a rights issue in the past 58 days. Taken together with last year's sale of 49 per cent stake in fuel retailing venture to BP Plc of UK for ₹7,000 crore, the total fund raised is in excess of ₹1.75 lakh crore, the company said in a statement.

Reliance had a net debt of ₹1,61,035 crore as on March 31, 2020. "With these investments, RIL has become net debt-free," it said. "I have fulfilled my promise to the shareholders by making Reliance net debt-free much before our original schedule of March 31, 2021," Ambani said. Jio Platforms - which houses the country's youngest but largest telecom firm Reliance Jio, raised ₹1.15 lakh crore from global investors including Facebook, Silver Lake, Vista Equity Partners, General Atlantic, KKR, Mubadala, ADIA, TPG, L Catterton and PIF since April 22. Saudi Arabian wealth fund PIF buying 2.32 per cent stake in the unit for ₹11,367 crore on June 18 "marks the end of Jio Platforms' current phase of induction of financial partners," the statement said. Alongside, Reliance launched India's biggest right issue, which was subscribed 1.59 times. Though the rights issue size was ₹53,124 crore, RIL has got only 25 per cent of the money as the remaining is to be paid only next fiscal.

"I wish to assure all that Reliance in its Golden Decade will set even more ambitious growth goals, and achieve the," Ambani said.

ICRA SPEAKS

Covid-19 to slow down NIP projects

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

OWING to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre's plan of a massive increase its investment with the target of ₹111 lakh crore under the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) between FY20 and FY25 is likely to see severe near-term headwinds. Rating agency ICRA on Friday estimated that against the total infrastructure investment of ₹36 lakh crore envisaged in the first two years of NIP (FY20-FY21), the actual investment is likely to range between ₹24-27 lakh crore.

"In the current environment, the infrastructure investment in FY2021 would fall short of the plan, and consequently to achieve the NIP target a significant step-up of investments will be required in the later part of the plan," Shubham Jain, Senior Vice-President and Group-Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA said.

According to Jain, to achieve the targeted investments in the remaining four years (FY22-FY25), an average annual investment of over ₹21 lakh crore will be required."

While even prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the NIP was already quite ambitious and challenging, but it seemed achievable with a significant push towards infrastructure. As per the ICRA note, the Covid-19 has now made it a daunting task to achieve the target.

Tech start-ups bet on post Covid-19 innovation boom to spur biz growth

BINITA JAISWAL @Chennai

START-ups expect to benefit from innovative products in a post-pandemic world. With social distancing and personal hygiene becoming the new normal, the new-age companies are coming up with solutions keeping in view the needs of customers in these unprecedented times.

Pune-based start-up DINGG has come up with a queue and booking management platform, which has become an instant hit among customers. During the lockdown, the start-up has witnessed a significant surge in its customer. DINGG provides market place for the customers where they can book an appointment at a hospital, salon or even a wine shop. It uses wait time prediction engine that effectively helps to reduce customer-waiting period and manage the flow of customers.

"Due to the social distancing norm, we noticed people and even vendors struggling to deal with the situation. To address the problem, the platform was launched using which people can book appointments through online/App, SMS or a missed call and don't have to waste time in waiting. We are providing customized services to clinics, private hospital, spas, boutique to manage customers with queue management and token system," said Akshay Poorey, one of the founders. The start-up is doing business in over eight cities and has plans for expansion also. The start-up has been shortlisted for the 'Cawach' programme, launched by the Centre, to identify and support start-ups tackling covid-19 challenges.

Similarly, Park+ is a start-up providing smart parking solutions for malls. The start-up offers an app-based platform with cloud-based automated parking systems for establishments. It provides real-time experience in parking discovery, booking, payment, and tracking.

Gurgaon-based start-up, Staqu, has been facilitating Covid-19 response using artificial intelligence in businesses. The brand has leveraged its video analytics platform which will help companies deal with the crisis efficiently. The start-up will help corporates to suspect tracing, PPE monitoring.

Magneto CleanTech has also launched an air filtration that comes with filterless magnetic air purification and ultraviolet technologies that decontaminate the indoor air by killing over 90 per cent of viruses.

Centre's Covid Cawach to support start-ups

Pune-based start-up DINGG has been shortlisted for the ₹56-crore 'Cawach' programme, launched by the Centre, to identify and support start-ups tackling covid-19 challenges. The programme has has received 826 applications from innovators in its first round of call

Former RBI guv Urjit Patel named NIPFP chairman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER resigning in December 2018, nine months ahead of his tenure, former RBI governor Urjit Patel has decided to join as chairman National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of Finance. Patel will start his four year term beginning June 22, succeeding Vijay Kelkar.

NIPFP's governing body includes three representatives of the finance ministry, one each from the Planning Commission and the Reserve Bank of India and three representatives of sponsoring state governments.

Patel was handpicked by the Modi government in September 2016 to replace Raghuram Rajan as the RBI governor but his differences with finance ministry increased over sharing of revenue surplus with the government. The spat became public and ugly, forcing Patel's deputy Viral Acharya opening up with government's intervention in the central bank's autonomy which ultimately led to the exit of both Patel and Acharya.

Against this backdrop, the development is interesting as rumours are rife in the finance ministry that Patel has finally mend his fences with the government and is ready to take up other roles in the government.

CURB IMPORTS

Apparel makers beef up efforts to reduce dependency on China

BINITA JAISWAL @Chennai

AS calls for boycotting Chinese products gains momentum, the apparel industry is bracing up to tackle the situation by searching for low-cost alternatives to source raw material.

The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) has been promoting local production of goods, that are normally imported from China. Industry experts feel that the rising anti-China sentiments provide an opportunity for India to grow as an alternative to Chinese market. Currently, the apparel industry is dependent on China for raw materials ranging from fabric to accessories, which includes needles and buttons.

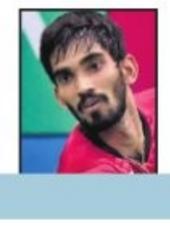
According to data provided by AEPC, India in 2019 imported fabric worth U$ 907 million, accessories worth $ 418 million and apparel worth $ 316 million from China. The figure speaks volume about the dependency of the industry on the Chinese market. However, experts believe that China is replaceable and now is the best time.

"We import manmade fibre textiles from China because of its low cost. To counter that, we have already started talks with local manufacturers, who have potential and we are chalking out ways to boost them. With a little handholding from the government, I am hopeful that we can outdo China," said AEPC chairman A Sakthivel. He added that the council has asked its members to diversify sources of raw materials for apparel manufacturing as the supply from China was already affected due to the coronavirus outbreak. "We are closely studying the industry in countries like Japan, Indonesia which can be alternative fabric suppliers to our manufacturers," Sakthivel said. The council has also taken up the task to identify product lines in the European Union, the US and South Korea which are showing decline in Chinese exports, which Indian manufacturers can tap.

"The anti-China sentiments can work as new opportunities for local manufacturers. With little upgradation, we can fill the gap and India has the potential to produce raw materials for both exports and needs in India," said Rahul Mehta, chief mentor of Clothing Manufacturers Association of India.

"The cheap cost and fast delivery of China has affected the domestic supply base. If Indian garment manufacturers look at alternatives, including local sourcing, it may increase the finished goods cost by 3-5 per cent. Only if buyers are ready to pay a little more, things can work," said Raja Shanmugam, president of Tirupur Exporters Association, a major textile hub.

BAI names Srikanth for Khel Ratna after apology



Badminton Association of India recommended Kidambi Srikanth for Khel Ratna after he apologised for pulling out of a tournament midway. The body showcased HS Prannoy for slamming the federation after not being nominated for Arjuna Award. Both had not played Asian Team Championship's semis, in February.

MENTALLY TIRED, HEADED HOME

After months of confinement at SAI Bengaluru & lockdown taking a toll on mental health, federation grants men's & women's hockey teams one-month break

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

RECENT conversations on mental health is once again at the forefront after Hockey India (HI), in consultation with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), allowed around 50 members of the men's and women's teams to return home for a month. They were in Bengaluru. It's learned that players from both teams had not been in the best shape mentally.

It has been known for more than two months that the players wanted to go home. But the authorities, because of the path of the pandemic as well as travel restrictions and quarantine rules, did not sanction their departure. Captains of both teams even made a presentation in May, but the officials did not relent. They pointed out that if they go, they could lose a month of training because of quarantine regulations.

The women's team spent 125 days in the camp. The men were there for 98 days. HI relented at the start of this week and gave the green signal to the players and support staff on Tuesday. As of now, only four players (Suraj Karkera, Vandana Katariya, Sushila Chanu, Lalremsiami) and as many support staff (Graham Reid, Chris Ciriello, Robin Arkell, Watne Lombard) will remain in Bengaluru. Women's chief coach Sjoerd Marijne and analytical coach Janneke Janneke Schopman were scheduled to fly to the Netherlands via Mumbai.

Women's team skipper Rani Rampal (L) and men's team keeper PR Sreejesh at the Bengaluru airport on Friday. A total of 50 players left for their homes | TWITTER

A HI press release indicated that the players will report back to camp on July 19, but it's not known if they will have to take a Covid-19 test and/or quarantine themselves. "HI and SAI will take a call when it's closer to that date," a source said. "Some tests are likely because they will be returning to a sanitised environment but it's early to have a conversation on those lines."

Speaking to several team members, a clear pattern emerged. "They (the administrators) knew that we weren't alright mentally," a player said on the condition of anonymity. "We haven't seen our families since March. There was bound to be some degree of anxiousness."

Athletes often say they are mentally strong, but this player lifted the lid on the loneliness in the camp. "You can say we are mentally strong but the truth is we are lonely most of the time. Family gives you that additional mental support one needs at a time like this. There is nothing like seeing them and being with them, even for a few days. Not being with them has taken a mental toll on us. We are happy we have been allowed this break, it will allow us to come back refreshed."

Another player spoke on similar lines. "This was a tough time... it became a little frustrating in the last few weeks," this player said on condition of anonymity. While the size of the campus allowed them to maintain social distancing, spending so much time away from family was beginning to ebb. "Even though we could go out of our rooms, we were away from our families for a long period. The situation was getting complicated."

The player said it was a good time to leave the premises. "If we have to be quarantined, we can restart practice by August and that's more than enough time to prepare for matches at the end of the year. This break, after spending some 100 days in the camp, will help us recharge our batteries."

That was one of the main reasons why both coaches signed off on the players' request. With no international matches scheduled at least till November, they felt it would be wise to sanction a break.

No break for Patiala, B'luru athletes

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THE Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has decided to not let athletes go home. If someone intends to leave, he or she will not be allowed back. Though Hockey India has allowed the national men's and women's teams to leave the Bengaluru camp, the AFI doesn't want its athletes leave camps in NIS Patiala, SAI Bengaluru and Ooty, as of now.

The logic behind this decision is simple. Since the government is lifting the lockdown, the federation would like to continue with the training schedule after losing more than two months due to the Covid-19 restrictions that had been put in place. AFI president Adille Sumariwalla felt since training has resumed, it would be prudent for athletes to continue.

Moreover, unlike athletics, hockey is a sport with a high possibility of physical contact. "We want to keep our athletes safe and we don't want to take any risk," said the AFI chief. "If they go home, we are quite clear that we won't take them back because we don't want to compromise the health of other athletes who are in the camp. Even if they join, they will have to be quarantined for 14 days.

SAI head office shut

SAI's head office in New Delhi will be shut down for the weekend after one of the staffers tested positive for CoViD-19. "It is hereby reported that Shri Amar Pal Mann, senior personal assistant, finance division is tested positive for COVID-19. Shri Mann last attended the office on 12/06/2020. (...) the entire office shall be closed and mechanised disinfection carried out 19/06/2020," a SAI press release stated. Employees will be allowed to return to work from Monday.

"We are in touch with our athletes and we talk to them every day. We brief them about what's going to happen. No one has asked for permission. Only a few left the camp because of personal reasons. They will have to follow the protocol when they join," said Sumeriwalla. "You can train online but not beyond a point. Physical training for athletes cannot be done."

A top official of AFI said the national calendar is on schedule and will begin with the Indian Grand Prix on September 12 followed by National Open Athletics on September 20 in Chennai. So the athletes need to get into shape before that.

Only weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga left Patiala because he was homesick. The 17-year-old reached Aizawl on June 17 and has been quarantined at a government centre where he can continue training. He will have to be quarantined on return to Patiala. Other eight lifters are still in the camp.

Bopanna to head KSLTA's development committee

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

THE executive committee of Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) formed in mid-February finally met for the first time on Thursday. They could not meet earlier due to the Covid-19 situation.

Though the body announced a long term goal of 'Vision 2030', officials will also focus on development of the sport and players during their tenure of four years. And with Rohan Bopanna, who attended the meeting, on board as vice-president, KSLTA hopes his experience and ideas will be valuable.

Bopanna was named chairman of the development committee, which will work towards producing players. "Rohan brings in expertise and value, which is good for us. He also wants to catch players young. The development committee will look into how players can emerge from the state. They will see what needs to be done. The committee will create a blueprint," said Sunil Yajaman, KSLTA joint-secretary.

The body will reach out at the school level and try to make children interested in tennis by providing space to play. "We are going to talk to the education and sports departments and try to ensure that there are tennis courts in rural places, thus allowing the sport to grow in these areas. We want more public courts to come up. Once kids start playing, we are going to have our eyes everywhere and hunt for talent," Yajaman said.

Besides, the state body plans to have a high performance centre, where select players will be housed and provided training. Their education will also be looked after. Various age group players will be sent to tournaments with coaches. The KSLTA wants to have regular camps. In terms of infrastructure, they also hope to create a tennis complex in Bengaluru.

HALA MADRID

Real Madrid's Karim Benzema volleys his second goal against Valencia during their La Liga clash in Valdebebas on Friday. Real won 3-0 | AFP

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SPOT BILLING

Tender Enquiry No.	560/DB-196/2020 dated 17.06.2020
Scope / Short Description	Selection of Service providers for Spot Billing in 93 no. Operation (DS) Division of PSPCL
Pre-bid Meeting	10.07.2020 at 10.00 A.M.
Last date of Downloading of Specification / Tender documents from PSPCL website.	04.08.2020 up to 10.00 A.M
Last date of Uploading of Tenders	04.08.2020 up to 11.00 A.M
Date & time of opening of tenders	07.08.2020 at 11.30 A.M
Cost of Tender Specification	Rs.2500 plus GST @18% through online mode (via e-payment gateway of GEPNIC) in favour of AO/Cash,PSPCL,Patiala.

NOTES:
1. The details regarding e-tendering process may be seen on https:/eproc.punjab.gov.in.nicgep/app it may be noted that no hard copy of the specification will be issued by this office and the specification can only be downloaded from the above mentioned website.
2. Tender specification can only be downloaded from website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in Details regarding E-Tendering is available on website www.pspcl.in All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in. and get conversant with the process of online submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in the due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained. The bidders may contact https://eproc.punjab.gov.in at contact nos 0120-4001002/0120-4200 462/0120-4001005/0120-6277787. Corrigendum, if any after the publication of this tender enquiry shall only be uploaded on website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in and will not be publshed in newspapers.
3. The prospective bidders are requested to be extra cautious in filling the tender and to get in touch with this office in case of any difficulty. Once the tender is opened, no request regarding giving relaxation or for overlooking any mistake committed by the bidder will be entertained.

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KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, Supply Chain Mangement - Thiruvananthapuram

E-Tender ID : 2020_ KSEB _ 365635_1 *Supply of Spot Billing Machines and accessories at various offices of KSEBL * PAC :Rs.94,00,000/- *Last Date :27-06-2020 1PM

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in
- Ref: PR /MC1 /D131/ E- Tender /2020

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Regional Engineer on behalf of Regional Railway Manager, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd, Karwar has invited following open tenders on www.ireps.gov.in system. **Name of Work :** Supply of unskilled labours for Track maintenance work and for miscellaneous works during emergency in Karwar Region (from Pernem to Thokur) at each SSE's Head quarter. **Tender Notice No :** KR/KW/OL/W/2020/10-RB. **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 16.90 Lakh, Excluding GST. **Closing Date & Time of Tender :** 03/07/2020 at 15.00 Hrs. For further details, contact Office of Sr. Regional Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Karwar. For more details visit (www.ireps.gov.in)

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Kerala State Rural Road Development Agency, Thiruvananthapuram
Notice inviting tenders (window)
Notice No. 4/711/HC/UT/2020/CE-KSRRDA Dated: 18/6/2020

PMGSY-Balance work
Download Start Date : 24/6/2020, 10 AM. Download End Date: 8/7/2020, 5 PM, Last date of Physical Document submission: 13/7/2020, 5 PM.

PMGSY Flood Maintenance work
Download Start Date : 24/06/2020, 10 AM, Download End Date: 1/7/2020, 5 PM, Last date of Physical Document submission : 6/7/2020, 5 PM.

Chief Engineer, Kerala State Rural Roads Development Agency (KSRRDA) invites E-tenders on behalf of the Governor of Kerala On-line bids for 14 works (13 work retender) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with **Public Works Department of States / Central Public Works Department / Railways /Local Self Government Department for** maintenance of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).** The bid forms and other Details can be obtained from the website www. pmgsytendersker.gov.in

Sd/-, Chief Engineer (i/c) Kerala State Rural Roads Development Agency

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(0)/AEE-2/F- 224/20-21/2556-58 Dt: 19/06/2020

Short Term Tender Notification

(e - procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/**EPR-03 Dt:19.06.2020** for dismantling/re-erection of existing High Mast Tower (LM1) and erection of new additional High Mast Tower (LM8) at **220kV 'A' Station, NRS Division, Rajajinagar** for BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru on total turnkey basis.

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **23.06.2020** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link 'e procurement - KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elec., Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru - 9, PH-Fax : 22386686-85

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(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
CIN No. U27310WB1920GOI003601
"KANKARIA CENTRE", (4TH & 5TH FLOOR), 2/1, RUSSEL STREET, KOL-71

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

ITEM RATE Offer(s) in two part system are invited from reputed, resourceful and experienced parties meeting prescribed qualifying criteria for following work:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	NIPQA No. and date of Hosting	Last date of submission of Offer
1.	EMPANELMENT OF CONSORTIUM PARTNERS FOR ENTERING INTO MOU ON JOINT PARTICIPATION & SUBSEQUENT CONSORTIUM FORMATION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR "LAYING OF SLURRY PIPE LINE SYSTEM AND WATER PIPE LINE SYSTEM INCLUDING SUPPLY OF COATED PIPE LINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES (PKG No. SP-01) BETWEEN BACHELI AND NAGARNAR, CHHATTISGARH.	Ref: B&R / MESP-589 / NIPQ / NMDC / SPL / 01, DATED: 16TH JUNE, 2020	22.06.2020 within 4.00 PM

Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in.
Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in only.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: **Project Management Consultancy Services for Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Section II and III**
REOI Notice No.2/CPRR/ADE/2020-2021, Dated: 19.06.2020

The Executive Director invites Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) from the qualified experienced consulting firms with all supporting documents substantiating qualification to perform the service experience in similar assignment for **Project Management Consultancy Services for Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Section II and III** so as to reach the office of Executive Director, TNRIDC, Chennai not later than **4.00 p.m. (office clock) on 22.07.2020.**

The full text request for Expression of interest can be seen at **www.ckicp.tnhighways.gov.in**

Place: Chennai
Date: 19.06.2020
DIPR/2358/TENDER/2020
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TNRIDC.

ಉಪನಗರ ವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆ (STRR) ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : STRRPA/TP/CLU/11/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.06.2020

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11.	ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ॥ ಎಸ್.ಎನ್.ಭದ್ರರೆಡ್ಡಿ	ಆನೇಕಲ್	ಕಸಬಾ	ಮಡಿವಾಳ	514/5	0-34ಗುಂಟೆ ಪೈಕಿ 0-07ಗುಂಟೆ	ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ	ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ

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ಸಹಿ/-
ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು
ಉಪನಗರ ವರ್ತುಲ ರಸ್ತೆ (STRR) ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಯೋಜಕರು, ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಪ್ರಾ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಪಾಸಾಸಂಂ/ಬೆಂ.ಸ/347/2020-21

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur – 591302

SHORT TERM: PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

The tender invited under this office Notification No: This Office Tender Notification No:1)EE/KNNL/KPD/BGM/TND/Rental Car/2020-21/114 Date: 13.05.2020, 2)EE/KNNL/ KPD/ BGM/TND/ Rental Car/CALL-2/2020-21/162 Date: 01.06.2020,3) EE/KNNL/ KPD/BGM/TND/Rental Car/CALL-3/2020-21/280 Date: 19.06.2020

1.Percentage rate tender is invited from eligible Travel agencies/ individual owners of the vehicle are expected to apply through e-procurement portal according to standard tender document rules in prescribed form on behalf of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Bangalore. Details and Tender documents may be downloaded through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam and last date for filled bids may be submitted through e-portal on 29.06.2020 till 16.00 hrs for the following works.2.Opening of Tender will be on Date: 30.06.2020 after 5.00 PM

SL No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (In Lakhs)
1	Providing Private Vehicle on rental basis to Assistant Executive Engineer, KNNL, MRBCC Sub Division No-13, Belagavi. (One Vehicle) for the year 2020-21/CALL-3	2.25

3.Name of the Division for Contact: Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur – 591302 (Ph. No. 08336 – 222163). 4.For further details such as, EMD amount, time limit, cost of tender form, eligibility for work, terms and conditions of tender visit our website www.knnlindia.com or contact the EE, KPD, Khanapur during office hours on any working day. 5.Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling / rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.6.Further information can be had from the under signed during the office hours on telephone 08336-222163 and HP company helpline (080)25501216.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, Kalasa Project Division, Khanapur

NLC India Limited
'Navratna' - Government of India Enterprise
Regd. Office : First Floor, No.8, Mayor Sathyamurthy Road, FSD, Egmore Complex of Food Corporation of India, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031.
Corp. Office : Block-1, Neyveli-607 801, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu.
CIN No.: L93090TN1956GOI003507, Website: www.nlcindia.com

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR WORKS

Sl.No.	Tender Ref. / Description of Works
1.	**UNIT:MINES:ED/MINES/OBTS/EOI/PEE/D008/2020-21: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for Setting up of **"THREE PILOT PLANTS** on each at Mine-I, Mine-IA and Mine-II with a capacity of processing 100 Tonnes Per Hour (TPH) overburden material (External dumps) for extraction of sand and clay in Neyveli Township (OBTS) in an Environment friendly manner" at Neyveli.
2.	**UNIT: ECOLOGY & HORTICULTURE DIVISION:TA/E&H/TRA-01/2020-21:** Public auction for sale of Acacia trees (pulpwood) with roots (firewood) for relocation of lignite stack yard adjacent to NNTPP Lignite bunker. **Location:** G-28 Office. **Period of collection:** 100 days **EMD:** ₹ 6,99,000/-
3.	**TA/E&H/TRA-02/2020-21:** Public (open) auction for sale of Eucalyptus trees (pulpwood) with roots near 33/11 KV Substation-II. **Location:** G-28 Office. **Period of collection:** 120 days **EMD :** ₹ 12,61,000/-
4.	**UNIT:ELECTRICAL SERVICES & COMMUNICATION (ES&C): EGZTLMMC2021:** Maintenance of 230 KV tower lines feeding Mine-I & Mine-II, 33 KV on 110 KV towers feeding Mine-IA and 230 KV tie line between TPS-I and TPS-II with LILO at NNTPS of NLCIL for the year 2020-21. **EMD:** ₹ 1,87,000/-
5.	**UNIT:THERMAL POWER STATION-II:GM/Contracts/Thermal/3536-TS2/CM/PTE/ 20-21 dt.19-06-2020 (e-Tender):** TS-II-SAP-Repair and Rehabilitation works on the outside of cooling tower -1 **EMD:** ₹ 8,53,000/-

Cost of Tender Document: Sl.No:2 to 5 : ₹ 2,000/-(each)

Period of Contract: Sl.No.5: 180 days from the date of handing over of site.

Pre Bid Conference: Sl.No.5: On 30-06-2020 at 11.00 Hrs.

Sl.No.	Last Date for Sale	Last Date for Receipt	Date & Time of Opening
1	20-07-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	20-07-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	20-07-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
2	29-06-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	30-06-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	30-06-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
3	01-07-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	02-07-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	02-07-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
4	08-07-2020 Upto 17.30 Hrs.	09-07-2020 Upto 15.00 Hrs.	09-07-2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
5	09-07-2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	13-07-2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	13-07-2020 At 15.00 Hrs.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

{RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002}
(for immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **erstwhile Andhra Bank, now Union Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **02.03.2020** calling upon the borrower **Shri. Mr. Manjunatha V & Mrs. Sowmya C R** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.81,71,848.00** (Rupees Zero Crores Eighty One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight and Zero paise) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **16th day of June 2020** of the year.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India** for an amount **Rs.81,71,848.00** (Rupees Zero Crores Eighty One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight and Zero paise as on **02.03.2020** and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. B 603 belongs to Mr. Manjunatha V (Owner of the Property), totally measuring super built up area of 2970 Square Feet and Terrace area 832 square feet, Type — 4PH situated in 6th floor in B Block consisting of 4 Bed rooms in N D Passion Elite Apartment, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified tiles flooring together with Two Covered Car Parking Space, in stilt floor including Proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc., in the multi storied residential apartment building known as N D Passion Elite constructed over Survey No. 87/1 Measuring 01 Acre 16 Guntas ,87/2 Measuring 0-39 Guntas, and 88/2 Measuring 0-18 Guntas situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas bounded by : **Item No. 1-Survey No. 87/1**:East By: Land in Sy. No. 88/1,West By : Road, North By: Road, South By: Land in Sy. No. 87/2 &88/2.

Item No. 2 - Survey No. 87/2: East By: Land in Sy. No 88/2,West By : Road, North By: Land in Sy. No. 87/1,South By: Land belonging to Doddamane Abbaiah.

Item No. 3 - Survey No. 88/2: East By: Portion of same Sy.No. allotted to Nagaraja Reddy, West By : Land in Sy. No. 87/2, North By: Land in Sy. No. 87/1, South By: Doddamane Abbaiali's property in Sy. No..86/1. **And**

Tower 1A, The Katha No. 54/ Sy. No. 87/1,87/2, and 88/2: East By : N D Passion Apartment, West By : Main Road, North By: Main Road, South By: Reliable Layout.

Flat No. B 603: East By : Flat No. A 602, West By : Open Space, North By: Flat No. B 604, South By: Open Space.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.06.2020

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India

SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

Corporate Office : Legal & Recovery Dept.
SVC Tower, Nehru Road, Vakola, Santacruz (E), Mumbai-400055.

Having its Regional office & Branch at No.1, Central Bank Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore - 560 018. Ph: 080 71231027/28/29 & 32

Notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 as amended by The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws(Amdt.) Act, 2012 (1 of 2013), dt. 03-01-2013

Authorised Officer of the Bank had under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 dtd. 07.08.2019 issued Demand Notice as detailed below to its defaulting Borrower which have returned unserved. Therefore, contents of the said respective notices are being published in this newspaper. TAKE NOTICE that you had availed sizable credit facilities against the Secured assets mentioned in the table herein below :-

Branch : R T Nagar Branch
Name of the Borrower: (1) M/s Auro Power Systems Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Bimal J Amin, No.33, Dena Bank Colony, Behind Karnataka Kalyana Mantapa, Ganaganagar, Bangalore-560 032. **Also at:** No. SF 14&15, 1st Floor, Madame Cama Bhawan N-2Bhikaji coma Place, New Delhi-110066. (2) Mr. Bimal J Amin, No.2125, "Shobha Petunia" Veeranapalya, Bangalore-560 045. **Also at:** No.10061, Milford Prestige Wellington Par, 1&2 IAF Main Road, Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560 013.
Account No : BL 256 & BL 258.
Limit Sanctioned : Rs.16,50,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh fifty Thousand Only) @ PLR(8.00%) interest p.a., (Floating) repayable in 60 months in EMI of Rs. 34,700/- (Rupees Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred only) p.m (monthly rests).
Rs.12,55,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only) @ PLR(8.00%) interest p.a., (Floating) repayable in 60 months in EMI of Rs. 26,360/- (Rupees Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty only) p.m (monthly rests).
Date of Demand Notice : 07.08.2019 **Date of N.P.A. : 31.07.2019**
Notice Amount :

A/c. No.	Limit Rate of Interest (Rs.)	Amount due as on 13.07.2019 (Rs.)
BL 256	16,50,000/- Current 9.80% (Floating)	Rs. 8,65,051.00
BL 258	12,55,000/- Current 9.80 % (Floating)	Rs. 6,91,746.00
	Total	Rs.15,56,797.00

(Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Only)

Details of Secured Assets :

Type of facility	Nature of Securities
Vehicle Loan	Hypothecation of vehicle KA04 MR 6749 Make: Mahindra XUV 500 R FWD W8 Class: LMVCAR (P white) Date of Manufacture: 5-2016 Chassis No: MA1YU2HHUG6E13665 Engine No:HHG4E10026
Vehicle Loan	Hypothecation of vehicle DL10 CT 4589 Make: Honda Car BR-V 1.5 VCVT(I-VTEC) Class: LMVCAR (Tafeta White) Date of Manufacture: 5-2016 Chassis No: MAKDG183EG4000314 Engine No:L15Z13100819

Your aforesaid account has become Non Performing Asset as mentioned in the above table.By virtue of the documents duly executed by you all, the Hypothecation charge has been created in favour of the Bank on the aforesaid movable property.

The Bank hereby informs you all that under Sub- Section (13) of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Hereinafter referred to as the Act) shall, after receipt of this notice refrain from either transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise create third party interest (other than in the ordinary course of business) in the above mentioned Secured asset, without prior written consent of the Bank.

In view of the above the Bank hereby issues this notice under Sub-section (2) of the Section 13 of the Act and calls upon you all to pay, an amount mentioned in the table hereinabove, within 60 days of receipt of this notice, failing which the Bank shall be constrained to attach, sell and/ or take all actions as envisaged in Sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act and/or adopt any other legal proceeding against all of you before the competent Court /Authority including before the Debt Recovery Tribunal which please note.

Date : 18.06.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer SVC Co-operaive Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase all that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No. 104 (having e-katha No.150200202500220209) on the First Floor in G7 Block / Wing having a super built area of 1075 square feet along with the one covered car parking and proportionate undivided share in the below said land in the residential complex known as "PROVIDENT WELWORTH CITY", constructed on land comprised in Survey Nos. 30 (7 acres 24.5 guntas), 31 (6 acres 25.5 guntas), 32 (9 acres 02 guntas), 33 (9 acres 37.25 guntas), 34(6 acres 0.5 guntas) and 161 (2 acres), situated at Kadatanamale Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 41 acres 9.75 guntas (17,96,576.51 Square Feet). and any Persons having any right, title, interest over the property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 6 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Apartment or any part thereof, after which period my client shall conclude the aforesaid sale transactions on the basis that there is no claims of whatsoever nature with respect to the above said apartment

Sd/- Suresha N and Associates
C-5, 3rd Floor, SRR Building, 9 th Cross, Cobbonpet, at Bangalore-560002.
Phone No: 9341265776
E-mail: nsuresha15@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that our client **Sri.VAIKUNTA,** S/o. Manjunatha, intends to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. Girija Mohan Babu and P.R. Mohan Babu,** jointly who represents that they are the absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property and which is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the schedule property.

Any persons having any claim/s over the schedule property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transactions may write to the undersigned **within 07 (seven) days** from the date of publication of this Notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property bearing **Site No.5, House List Katha No.256/5, formed out of property No.69, situated at Kyalasanahalli Village,** Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, now under the BBMP limits, measuring **East to West, on Northern Side 59 feet, on Southern Side 64 feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring 3075 Square Feet,** and bounded on the : East by : Site No.4, West by : Road, North by : Site No.6, South by : Road.

R. HARSHA, Advocate
665/3, Munishamappa Layout, 1st Main, 1st Cross, K. Narayanapura, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BANGALORE-560077. Date: 19/06/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that we have lost a bag on 01-06-2020 at about 8. A.M. while shifting their house from No.23, 1st Main Road, 3RD Cross, Shivanna Layout, H.V.Halli, R.R.Nagara, Bengaluru-98 to present residence at Flat No. B-409, Grand Gandharva Apartment, Kenchanahalli, R.R.Nagara, Bengaluru-98. The bag contained the following documents and other papers i.e. Sale Deed dt:06-03-2020, Registered as Document No.RRN-1-092 21/2019-20, C.D.No. RRND526, in Book No.1, before Sub-Registrar, Jayanagara (Rajarajeshwarinagara), Bengaluru, Construction Plan, Photocopies of the Mother Deeds, Encumbrance Certificates, Tax Paid Receipts & some related Documents, etc.

We have lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional R.R.Nagara Police Station Through E-Lost Report in this regard on 19-06-2020. In case, if any person/s comes across the said bag or information about the said bag or its contents as stated above, kindly requested to inform the same to the undersigned or the R.R Nagara Police Station and the person/s will be suitably rewarded.

If any persons without them knowledge doing any transaction with this regard is liable to punish both Civil & Criminal laws.

(Janardhanagiri G.K & Manjula Devi.K)
Add:-Sri Janardhangiri G.K S/o Kushalagiri, R/at No.B409,Grand Gandharva Apartment, Kenchanahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagara, Bengaluru-560 098.Phone No. 9538260485.

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ARB Bangalore Branch No.711, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore 560001.

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr. M. Manjunatha,** S/o. Late Muniyappa, **Co-Borrower: Mrs. M. Kamala,** W/o, Mr. M. Manjunath, have borrowed money from **Repco Home Finance Limited, Bangalore Branch (Now the account transferred to ARB Banglore Branch)** against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **27.12.2017** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide Loan Account Nos. **2581860000290** being **Rs.9,74,696/-** as on **11.12.2017** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **17.05.2018** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, **Repco Home Finance Limited** has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in "As is where is condition" and "As is what is condition" under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide Loan Account Nos. **2581860000290** being **Rs.17,33,815/-** respectively as on **18.06.2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E- Auction	**07-07-2020, 11.00 A.M – 12.00 P.M.** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	**Rs.4,30,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs thirty thousand only)
Reserve Price	**Rs.43,00,000/- (Rupees Forty three lakhs only)**
Last Date & time for submitting E-Tenders	**06-07-2020, 04.00 P.M.**
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.10,000/-**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 11, Western portion khatha Corporation No. 46, then No. 81, present No. 97, Mattadahalli Thimmaiah Garden, Bangalore City Corporation with the building constructed thereon. Bounded by:- North: Property of Pillappa South: Road East: Other Portion of Site No. 11 West: Site No. 12

Terms and Conditions of Auction:

1) The Tender form can be collected from **Repco Home Finance Limited, ARB Bangalore Branch** during office hours on all working days.
2) The intending bidders of the property should have valid Email ID, Address Proof & ID proof, send their bids in the prescribed tender form in a closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the reserve price by means of RTGS / NEFT / DD / Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of **"Repco Home Finance Limited" payable at ARB Bangalore** or on the website www.bankeauctions.com. Tender form not in the prescribed format will not be accepted.
3) The last date and time for submitting the tenders at **RHFL, ARB Bangalore Branch** is on or before **06.07.2020, 04.00 P.M.** or on the website www.bankeauctions.com.
4) The EMD amount is refundable without interest to the bidder if the bid is not successful.
5). Offer without EMD and below the reserve price will be rejected.
6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without any prior notice, if the successful/ bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale.
7) After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given an opportunity at the discretion of the authorised officer to have, interse bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer price.
8) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (inclusive of EMD) immediately after auction on the same day or not later than next working day of sale in cash or DD as above and the balance bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited to the secured creditor and the property shall be resold without giving notice.
9) The successful bidder should bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance such as Stamp duty, Registration fees etc. as applicable as per law.
10) The successful bidder will bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / Property Tax / EB applicable as per law and Income Tax Laws.
11) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject tender or bid any or all the offers and adjourn / postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of this sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.
12) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Company.
13) The property will be sold in "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder should satisfy himself about condition / status / Title etc., of the property and no representations and warranties are given by the Company relating to encumbrances & statutory liabilities etc.
14) No other prior encumbrance / charge in respect of the property have come to the knowledge and information of the company. The company will not be held responsible for any charge, lien and encumbrance, property tax or any other dues, etc., to the Govt. or anybody in respect of the property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims / rights / statutory and other dues / affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The other encumbrances, if any should be cleared by the purchaser of the property concerned.
15) We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.
16) In compliance with Section 194 IA of the Income tax Act, 1961 income tax @ 1% on the Reserve Price shall be deducted and paid under the PAN Number of the Purchaser. The bidder shall bear the 1% income tax on the bid multiplier amount and the Bank shall not take any responsibility for the same. In case of any sale / transfer of immovable property of Rupees Fifty Lakhs and above, the transferee has to pay an amount equal to 1% of the consideration as Income Tax.
17) For E-Auction procedure, please contact **M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd., Mr. K.N. Shrinatth – 98404 46485.**

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पटना मेट्रो रेल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड

(भारत सरकार एवं बिहार सरकार का संयुक्त उपक्रम)
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पटना मेट्रो रेल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के अन्तर्गत संविदा/प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर **Walk-in-Interview** के माध्यम से नियोजन हेतु आमंत्रण की सूचना

1. पटना मेट्रो रेल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित पदों पर योग्य अभ्यर्थियों से संविदा/प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर नियोजन हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है:—

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12	**General Manager (Finance)**	1	UR	Officer from any organised Accounts/Finance services of State/Central government in relevant field. **OR** MBA (Finance) with minimum 10 years of professional experience in Government/ Private sector.	**102500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
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14	**GM (S&T)**	1	UR	Electronics/Telecommunication Engineers of S.E./ Sr.EE rank or equivalent in State/Central government rank. **OR** B.Tech /B.E (Electronics/ Telecommunication) or relevant with minimum 15 years of professional experience in relevant field.	**137500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
15	**Deputy General Manager (Contracts/ Procurement)**	1	UR	Civil/Mechanical/Electrical/Electronics Engineers from State/Central government in relevant field. **OR** Graduate in Engineering/ Post Graduate Qualification in MBA (Material Management/ Supply Chain Management) or equivalent with minimum 7 years of professional experience in preparation of tender documents/contract management for infrastructure projects.	**87500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
16	**Deputy General Manager (Sales & Marketing)**	1	UR	Officers from State/Central government in relevant field. **OR** Graduate in Engineering/ MBA (Finance/Marketing) or relevant qualification with 7 years experience in the field of real estate sales and marketing.	**87500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
17	**Deputy General Manager Safety**	1	UR	Civil/Mechanical/Electrical/Electronics Engineers of EE rank or equivalent rank in State/Central government. **OR** B.Tech /B.E (Civil/Mechanical/Electrical/ Electronics) or equivalent with minimum 10 years of professional experience in relevant field.	**87500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
18	**Deputy General Manager- Power System-Traction - E&M**	1	UR	Electrical Engineers of EE rank or equivalent rank in State/Central government. **OR** B.Tech /B.E (Electrical) or equivalent with minimum 10 years of professional experience in relevant field.	**87500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
19	**Deputy General Manager (Legal)**	1	UR	Officers from State/Central government in relevant field. **OR** Graduate in Law with 7 years of experience in law field/legal advisor/law officer or equivalent work.	**87500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
20	**Asst. Manager - admin (Monitoring & Coordination)**	1	UR	Officer in relevant field and having experience of monitoring and coordination in Government. **OR** Graduate in any discipline with MBA (Finance / HR) having 5 years of professional experience. Preference will be given to Post Graduate with MBA (Finance / HR).	**62500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
21	**Asst. Manager - Finance**	1	UR	Officer from any organised Accounts/Finance services of State/Central government in relevant field. **OR** B.Com with MBA (Finance) having 4 years of professional experience. Preference will be given to Post Graduate in Commerce.	**62500/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
22	**Assistant Engineer**	8	UR-2** UR(F)-1 EWS-1 EBC-1 EBC(F)-1 SC-1 BC-1	Civil/Mechanical/Electrical/Computer Science/Electronics Engineers of AE rank or equivalent rank in State/Central government in relevant field. **OR** Graduate in Engineering (Civil/ Mechanical/ Electrical/ Electronics/ CSE/IT) or equivalent with minimum 5 years of professional experience in relevant field.	**65000/-** For Retired/ Private Candidate	Pay Protection shall be admissible for Govt. Emp. on deputation
	Total	**29**				

** UR= Unreserved, UR(F) = Unreserved (Female), EWS=Economically Weaker Section, EBC=Extremely Backward Class, EBC(F) Extremely Backward Class (Female), SC= Scheduled Caste, ST = Scheduled Tribe, BC= Backward Class

2. आवेदक अपना आवेदन नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के वेबसाईट – **http://urban.bih.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध Online Portal के लिंक पर जाकर **दिनांक–23.06.2020 से दिनांक–06.07.2020 के संध्या 5:00 बजे तक** समर्पित कर सकेगें। आवेदन केवल online ही स्वीकृत किया जाएगा। अभ्यथियों द्वारा अपना e-mail/संपर्क नम्बर देना अनिवार्य होगा।

3. **PMRCL के Screening Committee के द्वारा Shortlisted आवेदकों की सूची वेबसाईट – http://urban.bih.nic.in के Notice Board पर दिनांक– 11.07.2020 के संध्या को प्रकाशित की जायेगी।**

4. **Shortlisted अभ्यर्थियों का साक्षात्कार दिनांक–16.07.2020 को प्रबंध निदेशक, पटना मेट्रो रेल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड–सह– सचिव नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के कार्यालय कक्ष में होगा।**

5. योग्यता एवं अनुभव के आधार पर Shortlist करके निर्धारित (Shortlisted) अभ्यर्थियों को ही साक्षात्कार (Walk-in Interview) के लिए बुलाया जाएगा। Shortlisting का निर्णय पटना मेट्रो रेल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के पास सुरक्षित होगा। इस पर किसी प्रकार का दावा–आपत्ति मान्य नहीं होगा।

6. आवेदन हेतु अभ्यर्थियों की अधिकतम आयु 65 वर्ष होगी।

7. आवेदन शुल्क SC/ST के लिए रू0 100.00 (एक सौ रूपये मात्र) एवं अन्य के लिए रू0 400.00 (चार सौ रूपये मात्र) होगी।

8. साक्षात्कार (Walk-in-Interview) हेतु किसी भी अभ्यर्थी को किसी भी तरह का भत्ता देय नहीं होगा।

9. यह नियोजन पूर्णतः संविदा आधारित है। बाद में नियुक्ति के स्थायीकरण का कोई दावा मान्य नहीं होगा।

10. नियुक्ति के संबंध में सभी प्रकार का सर्वाधिकार प्रबंध निदेशक, पटना मेट्रो रेल कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के अधीन होगा।

11. केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार में अथवा केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार के लोक उपक्रमों मे सेवारत अभ्यर्थी के चयन होने के उपरांत, एक माह के अंदर, उनके नियोक्ता (Employer) से अनापत्ति प्रमाणपत्र (NOC) प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा। साक्षात्कार के समय उनके नियोक्ता (Employer) का अनापत्ति प्रमाणपत्र (NOC) प्रस्तुत करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

12. आरक्षण कोटि के विरूद्ध आवेदन करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों को सक्षम प्राधिकार द्वारा निर्गत आय/जाति प्रमाणपत्र/क्रीमी लेयर रहित प्रमाणपत्र संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।

13. केंद्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार एवं उनके लोक उपक्रमों में कार्यरत पदाधिकारियों को उनके वर्तमान नियोजन में प्राप्त वेतन का वेतन संरक्षण (Pay Protection) देय होगा।

(कृष्ण स्वरूप)
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DAY'S DIARY

Happy birthday

American-born Australian actress, known for her considerable range and versatility, Nicole Kidman was born on this day in 1967

STARTING YOUNG

Young Nicole's first love was ballet, but she eventually took up mime and drama as well. Her first stage role was a bleating sheep in an elementary school Christmas pageant

IN THE MOVIES

She broke into movies at the age of 16, landing a role in *Bush Christmas* (1983). After this, she received a flurry of film and television offers

FAMOUS FILMS

Her notable films include *To Die For* (1995) and *Moulin Rouge!* (2001), *The Hours* (2002), *The Portrait of a Lady* (1996), *Eyes Wide Shut* (1999)

Harshika Poonacha to headline woman-centric role

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CITY READ

NGO donates money to PM CARES fund

Dr Majeed Foundation, a non-profit institution founded by Dr Muhammed Majeed, the founder and chairman of Sami-Sabinsa Group, contributed ₹10 crore to PM CARES Fund, to help combat the widespread outbreak of COVID-19. In addition, the foundation also recently contributed ₹2 crore to Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority.

Skill development centre inaugurated

Prof N R Shetty, chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, inaugurated the 'Center for Skill and Personality Development of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe Students', at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Yelahanka. This centre is meant for the development of skill and personality, particularly for the students of SC/ST community across Karnataka.

LIFTING THE SHROUD

Meera Haran Alva's new book digs deeper into the mental health issues faced by youngsters, and also provides suggestions for seeking support

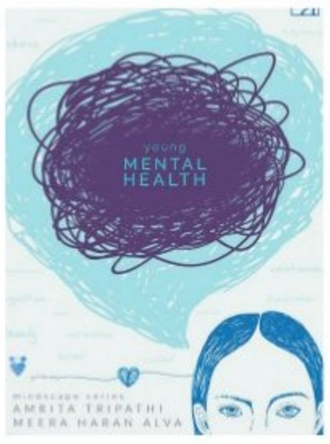
PIC: Pandarinath B

● Vidya Iyengar

A sense of being stuck, depressive thoughts, lurking fear of death... these are the issues that the pandemic has brought with it. And particularly affected by it is the young population, for whom this outbreak has taken an emotional toll. At a time when the lens is on mental health, consultant psychologist and psychotherapist Meera Haran Alva's book, *Young Mental Health*, delves into the several mental health issues that they face. Alva, who is the daughter-in-law of politician Margaret Alva and wife of Nivedith Alva, co-authored the book with mediaperson Amrita Tripathi. The collaboration was a result of similar interests and ties that date back to 20 years ago when the two were flatmates in Delhi.

Alva feels the book – a pure coincidence in terms of the timing, considering the goings-on in recent times – is the need of the hour, coming out at a time when people are receptive to these issues. The second book in a three-part series, *Young Mental Health*, delves into multiple issues – body image disorders, abuse, bullying, suicide – plaguing children and young adolescents in particular. "There are two aspects to the book, one of advocating mental health, especially in the Indian context where there is lack of resources and absence of child and adolescent psychologists and psychotherapists. Second, there is no scope to have conversations in homes and families. So, most end up simply living with issues," says Alva who has been a mental health professional for 17 years.

Published by Simon & Schuster and currently priced at ₹206 for the Kindle version, the book, the paperback version of which is likely to release soon, draws from the professional experiences of both the authors, and puts on paper anecdotes and stories of those who have struggled with issues not often talked about, alarming statistics, case studies and analyses from years of experience. "While it deals with heavy issues, we have used comics and illustrations to make it relatable. The idea is to normalise these conversations and at the same time demystify therapy," she says about the book which is meant for anyone who has been young or has young people in their life.



With those having experienced issues coming on record to share their stories, including Dr Amit Sen (a senior child and adolescence psychiatrist who himself struggled with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) who was written the foreword, Alva understands that these could be trigger warnings for readers. "There is of course no one-size-fits-all model, and we have been careful to ensure that the book isn't prescriptive. Our main challenge was to be cautious especially since the content is sensitive. So we have provided third-party helplines to seek support," she says.

While the first part dealt with depression – *Real Stories of Dealing With Depression*, the third, *Age of Anxiety*, will look at anxiety, as the name suggests. But right now, the authors are hoping that their book gives rise to dialogue and demystification.

BENGALURU BEATS

'Govt needs to bring in clarity on legal framework for RWAs'

● Vikram Rai
General secretary, Bangalore Apartments' Federation

As we near the completion of three-months since the lockdowns and un-lockdowns kicked in, I feel like three generations have elapsed. As the general secretary of a federation with more than 760 apartment RWAs across Bengaluru, housing half a million plus people, and perhaps employing another half a million, it has been a hectic few weeks for me in enabling a part of Bengaluru's citizenry to keep their balance and help the city cope.

I have been interacting with management committees of apartment associations and RWAs as they have tried to address the various responsibilities and challenges the pandemic threw at them while managing their resident communities – many of them have played a phenomenal role. They have a tough job and often a thankless one; hence it was difficult to attract volunteer candidates to fill those roles. And yet, a few RWAs in the city have been accused of over-reach in implementing draconian rules during the lockdown. So RWAs have been praised and shunned in equal measure during this pandemic, while their role in the evolution of the city has a lot of promise.

The lacuna stems from the legal legitimacy to the role of RWAs, which is weak. Most of them are registered under the archaic Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, and a few in the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972. These laws suffer from lack of proper ownership and focus from the government and hence neither RWAs nor residents have clear avenues for grievance redressal.

Solution: The government needs to bring in clarity on the legal framework that empowers apartment communities to conduct their activities. The Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act 1972, needs to be reformed to reflect modern-day needs of apartment dwellers – it can then be set to be the base law with a competent authority identified and appointed to oversee implementation. The law should empower apartment-associations to function as independent citizen eco-systems, while also providing redressal mechanisms for individuals who have grievances.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

Dad's the world

Staying indoors 24x7 can be challenging for both parents and children, but some single dads are ruling out blues to make the best of their time with their kids

● Dona Dey

Be it bonding over cups of filter coffee and video games or a debate on different football teams, the two-month-long lockdown has definitely brought children closer to their dads, especially the ones bringing up their wards all by themselves. Pre-COVID, working fathers couldn't spend much time with their kids, while the latter were busy with school or gadgets. But being locked inside their homes for the past few months has come as a blessing to many, especially single fathers who don the role of both parents.

Just ask Basur Kiran, who spent the lockdown with his son Rohan. The social entrepreneur and single father decided to go closer to nature to spend some quality time with his 14-year-old. The duo, along with Kiran's mother, took off to their home near Sakleshpur. Rohan and Kiran then spent their mornings gong on hikes and swimming in the Hemavathi River. "We even played traditional games like lagori together. This is the longest time Rohan could stay this close to nature and he enjoyed every bit of it. I am glad the lockdown gave us so much time to spend with each other," Kiran said. Agreed Rohan, who was glad he got this time off with his father, especially since he is now busy preparing for his board exams next year.

Bharath and Sudhama (inset); Basur Kiran and Rohan ● Meghana Sastry

On the other hand, some others managed to bring out the best of their father-son relationships indoors. Bharath (29), a marketing entrepreneur, and his father Sudhama (69), both residents of Banashankari, spent time indoors delving in each other's hobbies. While both took turns making dishes for each other, Bharath even managed to get his father to join him in some Playstation games. "Whenever he tried to make my favourite dishes, he forgot one ingredient or the other. Sometimes, he would forget paneer in paneer butter masala," Bharath said with a laugh.

Sudhama, a retired bank employee, lost his wife four years ago, and has been a doting single father since then. "Fathers should never insist their sons be their reflection, but let them grow like themselves." The lockdown, however, wasn't different for this duo. Explains Sudhama, "Even while enjoying time together in the same house, we ensure to follow social distancing norms with each other."

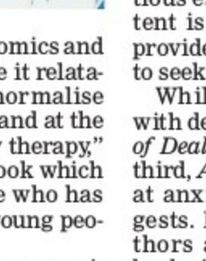
Manika Ghosh, a professor of psychology and the president of Bangalore Psychology Forum, says in times like the lockdown, single parents can have a particularly hard time carrying on their regular lives, including work, managing the house and taking care of their children. "It's a double whammy but it also brings in huge responsibilities on both ends. It depends on the maturity level of the father and also what he is going through," Ghosh says.

Santhosh Kumar, a finance professional and a single father of two daughters, planned to stay with his parents in Hessaraghatta to spend some family time. He spent time painting and doing pottery with his daughters, aged 9 and 14 years. Kumar recalls a moment from lockdown, "My daughters had to attend online classes and teachers usually send e-notes. As we didn't have access to a printer in our village, I helped my daughters manually write down their notes," Kumar says, adding that they had fun doing the assignment together.

On the menu: Bonding time

● Dona Dey

While kids have found it hard to deal with the lockdown and its aftermath, most will agree that a small silver lining has been the extra dose of family time. With both parents home, children of chefs in the city were probably on the luckier side, not having got a chance to miss restaurant quality food. Chef dads, on the other hand, have been working extra hard to please their little critics, one who is tougher than all others they've encountered.



Ashley D'Souza, a chef and father to a one-and a-half-year-old girl, says the challenge has been to manage taste and health. "My wife and I try to make her dishes less fried, while keeping flavour in mind. Recently I made massaman curry (a Thai speciality), which is spicy by nature, but I toned it down by using ginger," D'Souza added.

Like D'Souza, Devin Lohar too has been playing with international food varieties for his 10-year-old daughter. The chef made sure his daughter Sparsh didn't miss her favourite foods amid the lockdown. "I usually don't get enough time to cook at home but my daughter keeps demanding I make something for her," he says. But did the little one approve of the momos daddy made for her? "She loved it," he beams.

Martin Gomes has similar tales to share. The chef, who is now a food consultant, says his six-year-old son Mathew still prefers his mom's cooking. "I've enjoyed cooking for him. Recently I made his favourite Indonesian dish, Rendang curry, and he enjoyed it."

Ashley D'Souza with his daughter Robyn Aliyah ● Nagaraja Gadekal

ALL IN A DAY

DECEMBER 21, 2012. The day the Mayans apparently predicted as the apocalypse. As we lived on merrily (until the pandemic), the internet (Saturday is World Wi-fi Day) again claims that the end is upon us and it arrives tomorrow. Online posts say the date the Mayan calendar initially predicted is this Sunday, which also brings a 'major' solar eclipse and summer solstice. Theories point at the Mayan belief of a shift in point for humanity. Netizens seem to have figured that 11 days have been lost in a year due to shift into Gregorian calendar, making June 21 as 21/12/12.

Viral posts aside, make sure you move it and shake it, for World Yoga Day and Music Day, fall on Sunday too.

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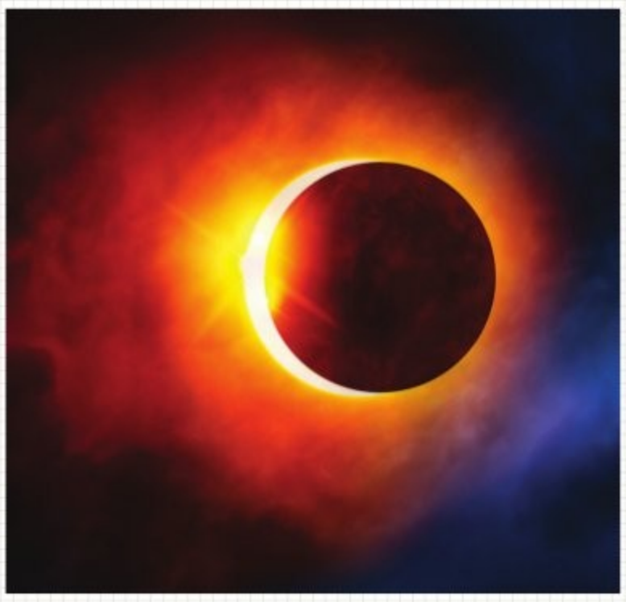
SPACE WATCH

ANNUAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Sometimes when the moon orbits Earth, it moves between the sun and Earth. When this happens, the moon blocks the light of the sun from reaching Earth. This causes an eclipse of the sun, or solar eclipse. During a solar eclipse, the moon casts a shadow onto Earth. This year, the annual solar eclipse will occur on June 21. The eclipse will begin at 9.15 am IST and will end at 15.04 pm. The maximum eclipse will be visible at 12.10 pm.

Source: *Timeanddate.com*



BRIGHT SPOT

CALLING PLANT DOCTOR

Crop woes have always been a serious issue and the lockdown did little to rescue the harvest. But farmers in Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Assam and Puducherry, have plant clinics to help them through it. For example, when a corn farmer in Maramadakki village in Pudukkottai district, Tamil Nadu, noticed worms infesting his crops, he simply clicked pictures and got it addressed by a 'plant doctor' of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF). Even during the lockdown, farmers from these states regularly attended online plant clinic sessions to keep track of the pests reported by fellow farmers and learn about preventive measures. Now, they have learned to use Zoom, shoot pictures, videos and connecting virtually with plant doctors hundreds of kilometres away. Around 32 such plant doctors are on the job in this initiative, tending to 548 farmers from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, and 140 farmers from Assam and Odisha, during the lockdown.

Source: The Better India

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

VAYUPUTRA

Balu, a kind-hearted student, studying in a medical college, doesn't like injustice. He gets into a tiff with the notorious Punja and beats him. Panja feels insulted and vows to take revenge.

- Cast: Chiranjeevi Sarja, Aindrita Ray

MR. AND MRS.RAMACHARI

Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.

- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

MADUVE MANE

When Dushyanth, a corrupt man, kills Preeti, her brother Suraj treads on the path of vengeance. With a plan to ruin Dushyanth's marriage, he intends to get his revenge but falls in love with Dushyanth's fiance.

- Cast: Ganesh, Shradha Arya

NERRUKU NER

Shanti decides to divorce her husband, Raghu, when he confesses about his affair with another woman. This decision sparks a fight between Vijay, Raghu's brother, and Surya, Shanti's brother.

- Cast: Vijay, Suriya, Simran

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFRONT IMPOSTOR SYNDROME BY DENA SIMMONS

As a black woman, Dena Simmons knows that for students of colour, success in school sometimes comes at the cost of living authentically. Now an educator, Simmons discusses how we can create a classroom that makes students feel proud of who they are.

2 DO POLITICS MAKE US IRRATIONAL? BY JAY VAN BAVEL

Can someone's political identity actually affect their ability to process information? The answer lies in a cognitive phenomenon known as partisanship. While identifying with social groups is an essential and healthy part of life, it can become a problem when the group's beliefs are at odds with reality. So how can we recognise and combat partisanship? Jay Van Bavel shares helpful strategies.

3 HOW THE PROGRESS BAR KEEPS YOU SANE BY DANIEL ENGBER

The progress bar makes waiting more exciting... and mitigates our fear of death. Journalist Daniel Engber explores how it came into existence.

4 A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AZTEC MIDWIFE BY KAY READ

The midwife Xoquauhtli has a difficult choice to make. She owes a debt to her patron Teteoinnan, the female warrior goddess at the center of the Aztec seasonal festival, who must be kept happy or she will bring bad luck. Xoquauhtli should participate in the festival today, but one of her patients could go into labour any minute. Kay Read outlines a day in the life of an Aztec midwife.

5 ACCENTS BY DENICE FROHMAN

An animated interpretation of Denice Frohman's poem 'Accents.'

FIT BIT

ANANTASANA

(SIDE RECLINING LEG LIFT POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Ananta' means 'never-ending' or 'infinite' and 'Asana' means 'pose'. It is also called 'Sleeping Vishnu Pose'. Ananta is another name for the Hindu god Lord Vishnu, the preserver, the Infinite, who is believed to sustain the universe between the cycles of creation and destruction. It's also the name of the thousand-headed serpent which is known as Shesh Naga. In this side lying pose, we consciously create an asymmetry in the respiratory mechanism that can be helpful in getting rid of deeply seated breathing habits.

STEPS

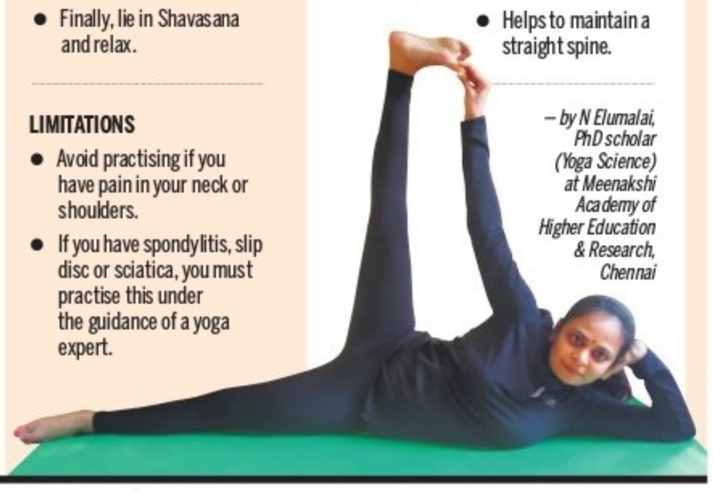
- To begin the asana, lie down straight on your back.
- Inhale and left.
- Inhale, lift right leg up to 90 degrees. Now, place the left hand below your head to support it.
- Inhale, raise your right hand and try to grab the toes of the right leg with your right hand. Exhale and stretch the leg
- Hold in this position for about 20 seconds or six breaths.
- Ensure that your right arm and leg are straight.
- While inhaling, gently bring the leg and hand down with the knees bent and rest your head on the mat.
- Take rest for a few seconds. Then turn towards the other side and repeat the same sequence.
- Finally, lie in Shavasana and relax.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid practising if you have pain in your neck or shoulders.
- If you have spondylitis, slip disc or sciatica, you must practise this under the guidance of a yoga expert.

BENEFITS

- Helps to tone the abdominal muscles.
- Gives a good stretch to the entire body.
- Strengthens shoulder muscles.
- Hamstring is also stretched and strengthened.
- Aids in losing weight in hips and thighs.
- Helps in development of pelvic portion.
- Relieves tension and stress.
- Stimulates blood circulation to your heart and brain increases.
- It helps cure digestive problems.
- Helps in relieving mental anxiety and stress.
- Helpful in treating disorders related to the urinary bladder, uterus, prostrate, testes, and ovaries.
- Beneficial in correcting menstrual disorders and edema of the arms or legs.
- Helps to maintain a straight spine.



— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

CHHICHHORE (Hindi)

A tragic incident forces Anirudh, a middle-aged man, to take a trip down memory lane and reminisce his college days along with his friends, who were labelled as losers.

- Cast: Sushant Singh Rajput, Shraddha Kapoor, Varun Sharma
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

RUDRA TANDAVA (Kannada)

Shivaraj, a carefree young man, is devastated when Narasimha, a gangster, kills his elder brother. When Narasimha is not arrested by the police, Shivaraj and his father vow to take revenge.

- Cast: Chiranjeevi Sarja, Girish Karnad, Radhika Kumaraswamy
- Watch on: Amazon prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

MALLESHAM (Telugu)

Chintakindi Mallesham, a school dropout, goes on to revolutionise the weaving industry by creating the Asu machine.

- Cast: Priyadarshi, Ananya Nagalla
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ASURA GURU (Tamil)

Shakti, who is obsessed with money from childhood, goes on to become a tech-savvy thief.

- Cast: Vikram Prabhu, Mahima Nambiar
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

HIRKANI (Marathi)

After the gates of Raigad shut down for the day, Hirkani, a milkmaid, decides to scale down a steep cliff in order to reach her baby back home.

- Cast: Sonalee Kulkarni, Prasad Oak
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with internet connection.

FORENSIC (Malayalam)

When Alphonse Kurian, a psychotic murderer, sets out on a killing spree, Samuel, a medico-legal advisor, uses his forensic skills to unravel the truth behind the heinous deeds.

- Cast: Tovino Thomas, Reba Monica John, Mamtha Mohandas
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ANGREZI MEIN KEHTE HAIN (Hindi)

Yashwant, a middle-aged man, refrains from expressing his love for his wife, Kiran. As a result, their relationship develops cracks and they decide to part ways.

- Cast: Sanjay Mishra, Ekavali Khanna, Pankaj Tripathi
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

FURIE (Vietnamese)

When traffickers kidnap her daughter from their village, vengeful Hai Phuong returns to Saigon, and her outlaw roots, to take down the abductors.

- Cast: Ngo Thanh Van, YaYa Truong Nhi, Cat Vy
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

WIRA (Malaysian)

The plot revolves around an ex-military man returning home after a long absence to help his family out of a situation with a local thug named Raja.

- Cast: Fify Azmi, Hairul Azreen, Henley Hii
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ARTEMIS FOWL (English)

Artemis Fowl is a 12-year-old genius and descendant of a long line of criminal masterminds. He soon finds himself in an epic battle against a race of powerful underground fairies who may be behind his father's disappearance.

- Cast: Ferdia Shaw, Judi Dench, Josh Gad
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

MIRA, ROYAL DETECTIVE (English)

Detective Mira has several adventures all over the kingdom while she tries to help the people by solving peculiar cases.

- Cast: Leela Ladnier, Karan Brar, Jameela Jamil
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

QUICK FIX

MUSKMELON-OATS SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

- **Muskmelon cubes:** 1 cup
- **Banana:** 1
- **Oats:** 3 tbsp
- **Cashew nuts:** 4 Nos
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/4 tbsp
- **Milk:** 1 cup
- **Sugar:** 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Dry roast oats and cashew nuts for 2-3 minutes on medium flame.
- In a blender, add roasted oats and cashew nuts, and other ingredients.
- Blend all the ingredients well until smooth.
- Serve in a tall glass with a pinch of Boost and oats on top.

— by Fathima Kalam, Perumbavoor

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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RUBINATIONS
RUBI CHAKRAVARTI
writer, actor and funny girl

SAVE THE EULOGIES FOR THE LIVING

Good morning, Bangalore!

Every time we seem to wrap our heads around the extraordinary circumstances that have been foisted upon us, desperately looking for that glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, the year of the rat bites us on the derriere! The year 2020 was symbolically supposed to represent new beginnings and good fortune, but taking into consideration all that has happened and is predicted to happen, the 'Rat' seems to be marching to the beat of its own drum. Aside from a pandemic, we have had our share of forest fires, locust infestation, earthquakes and unexpected deaths to bamboozle our brains! I have seen sworn agnostics bending their heads in prayer and mumbling words that suspiciously sound like 'forgive us'. The fear is tangible!

Where there has been a resurgence of people introspecting, being kinder and more appreciative, this pandemic has also spawned its share of 'experts' in every field. As someone very sweetly observed: 'All the depression experts yesterday, who were the Covid experts the day before, are defence and warfare experts today'! And when I say 'spawn', I mean it! These people are bullies who hide behind their keyboards, spewing hatred, misinformation and gobble-de-gook! My more computer literate friends and family try to explain the concept of a 'bot' to me. Apparently these are automated software applications and run according to instructions without a human user starting them up. They are usually useful critters, especially when acting as search engine bots and customer care bots that help users. On the flip side, they have these devious little bots called a social bot or socbot which communicates more or less autonomously on social media, often with the task of influencing the course of discussion and/or the opinions of its readers.

Representational photo

I find that horrifying, especially since I have observed how gullible (and often stupid) people are regarding believing everything they read on social media. I understand that there may be programmed bots to influence an opinion but there are whole hordes of keyboard manipulators who do the same from the anonymity of their computers and are ready to spew lies to unaccredited information portals just to feel relevant or air their own rant.

Recently, a troubled young person felt desperate enough to take his own life. Because this person was by all outward standards, successful, famous and financially stable, the tragedy was more acute. Being an actor and a counsellor myself, a performing artiste is perhaps more sensitive and prone to feelings of intense euphoria and deep despondency more frequently than others. Though I too was shocked by this young man's action I was also saddened that the quantum of mental health problems is only highlighted when a famous person takes his own life. Tragedy is not governed by who you are but by how you feel. The overwhelming feeling of desperation, where one goes through the logical and morbid steps of planning one's own murder is truly terrifying and nobody should go through it. I remember my aunt, who was a leading gynaecologist, sharing a thought with me when we had gone to commiserate with her about her daughter who had tragically taken her own life. She said it was a final act of vengeance that the suicidal person takes on his or her family because, the family member who finds them would not be able to erase that gruesome memory from their psyche... ever.

This death has brought out the worst in people from the film industry, with opportunists and fakers trying desperately to find some publicity in someone else's tragedy. Insecure people pretending to care fight against 'nepotism' while the entitled classes hide behind plush interiors of their homes, hoping this will blow over. There is plenty of ranting and 'bot' influenced behaviour. I would say, leave his family with their grief and memories... And the fakers... save your eulogies for the living!

This World Music Day, Indian Music Experience brings artistes from Germany and Japan to talk about music from their nations

TUNES BEYOND BORDERS

The Biwa is used in traditional Japanese court music called Gagaku. It is like the Japanese version of veena
— **Kahoru Nakamura,** Japanese musician

Monika Monalisa

Music has been a universal healer for many. This World Music day (June 21), it's not just about celebrating art but also about using it as a tool to bring the world together. Indian Music Experience has come up with Music From Around the World, a virtual meetup of musicians on their Facebook page. Musicians like German saxophonist Julius Gabriel and Japanese musicians Kahoru Nakamura and Hitomi Nakamura will be a part of the event.

World Music day, which is nothing less than an annual ball for the music industry, would have had a long list of events lined up if the situation were normal. But this time, plans are a little different. Manasi Prasad, director, Indian Music Experience (IME), says this time they are trying to change the problem into an opportunity. "We are trying to look at the silver lining by asking artistes to speak about the music from their respective countries and its cultural significance," says Prasad.

Speaking about the cultural similarity of India and Japan, Kahoru, who plays an ancient Japanese instrument called Biwa, says, "The Biwa is used in traditional Japanese court music called Gagaku. It is like a Japanese version of veena, because the goddess Benzaiten, who is the Japanese form of Saraswati, plays the Biwa." On the other hand, Hitomi, who plays the Hichikiri, which is similar to an Indian flute, says, "It is a wind instrument used in traditional Japanese music. Even though it is quite small, it produces many variations of tone."

Agreeing that saxophone has its origin in the West, Gabriel says he is glad to see a Western instrument being used in traditional Indian music. "The saxophone is a versatile instrument that has been used in Western classical music, but now finds expression in jazz and other contemporary forms of music. I do know that saxophone is also used in Indian classical Carnatic music and that is very interesting," says Gabriel, who is looking forward to being an artist-in-residence at the Indian Music Experience in a few months.

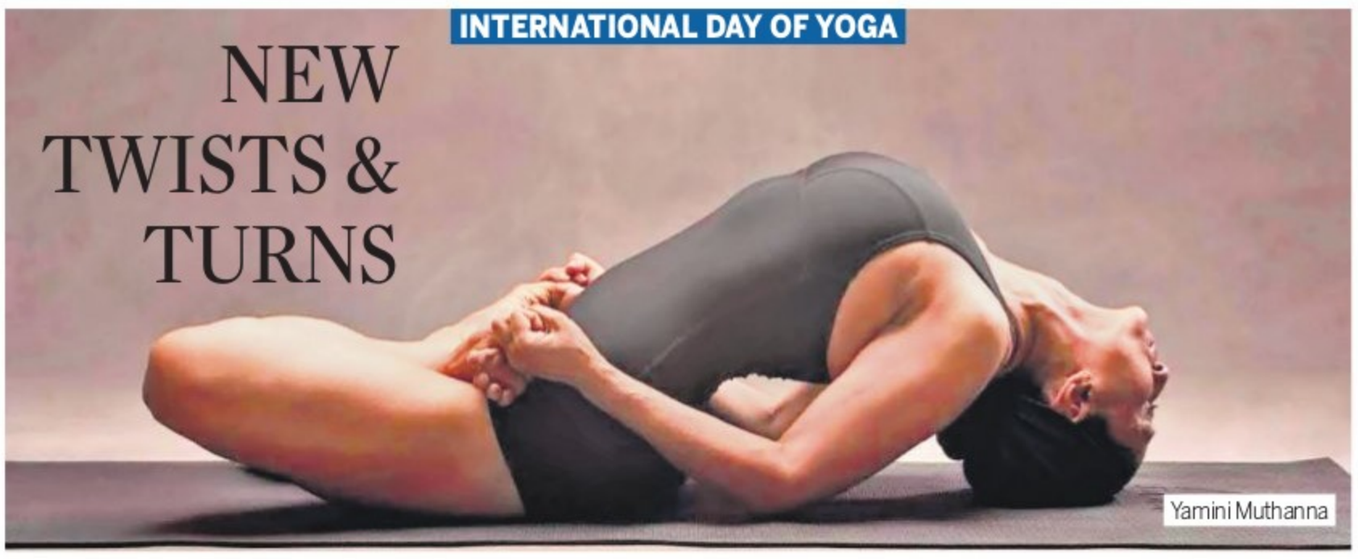
The event will be held on June 21, 6pm onwards.

The event will have artistes speak about the music from their respective countries and its cultural significance
—**Manasi Prasad,** director, IME

Hitomi Nakamura

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

NEW TWISTS & TURNS


Yamini Muthanna

Monika Monalisa

Around six years ago, yoga got a special day dedicated to it. And now, for this year's World Yoga Day (June 21), while the spirit to celebrate remains the same, the format assumed will be quite novel. In light of the ongoing pandemic, events are mostly online, with a special focus on immunity and strengthening of lungs and the respiratory system.

Take, for example, the live virtual yoga session by Jindal Naturecure Institute. The 30-minute session will showcase asanas that help in boosting immunity. "The age old practice is underrated when it comes to improving one's immunity. There are asanas that directly work on the flow of white blood cells (WBC) which are the first shield of your immunity," says Dr. Rajeev Rajesh, chief yoga officer at the organisation, whose live session will be conducted on June 20 at 4.30pm on their Facebook page. The first 20 minutes of the session will be organised for mothers and next 10 minutes for kids to enable them to stay healthy, fit and calm by incorporating naturopathy into their daily lives.

Yamini Muthanna, on the other hand, is conducting a 10-session yoga workshop for pregnant women, while also breaking all myths about the dos and don'ts of workouts. "The workshop is more on the flexibility and breathing than on the strengthening. Our body is made of vata, pitta, kapha, dosha. It's about getting the right balance of all four to create a healthy environment for the baby to grow," says Muthanna, who is going to conduct the session online on Zoom.

Not a huge fan of yoga sessions going virtual, she says, "I prefer offline but going virtual is need of the hour."

Agrees yoga therapist Dr Anjanaa Subramanian, who is choosing to focus on breathing workouts due to COVID-19 and the onslaught of health worries it has brought on. She is working on 100 breathing workouts as a 100-day series that will help in lung functioning. "These will be a mix of yoga techniques and some of my own. Till now I have come up with five breathing techniques," says Subramanian, who posts instruction of the asanas on the Facebook page of Recover Physiotherapy.

I am doing a 100-day series on 100 breathing workouts that will help in improved lung funtioning. These will be a mix of yoga techniques and my own concepts
—**Dr Anjanaa Subramanian,** yoga therapist

'YOU HAVE TO ENABLE YOURSELF FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE'

Express Features

Holistic lifestyle coach and author Luke Coutinho believes we have the tools for individual wellness built in ourselves and we only need to enable these habits. For the recent edition of Indulge Time Pass, journalist and author Kaveree Bamzai hosted the wellness expert to shed some light on the subject. "Our bodies are built to fight the most severe viruses, but most of us can't enable ourselves. Everyone knows what to do, they just don't do it," Coutinho told Bamzai.

Coutinho insisted that sleep is the No. 1 factor that determines individual wellness and controls our body clocks as well. "Most people sleep at different times every day. You won't lose weight if you don't improve your sleep," Coutinho remarked.

Talking about how a sustainable produce cycle can help our lifestyle, he said, "Most of us would love to depend on a sustainable food chain and acquire produce directly from the farmer. We are working on a platform to set this up. Synthetic food is making us sicker," he revealed.

Coutinho added that veganism might not be the solution to all the problems, and a sudden shift may just hurt our systems. "I'm yet to see data which determines that vegans or vegetarians are healthier. I see sick vegans, I see sick non-vegetarians. I see unhealthy people turn vegan, and they are deficient because they have not supplemented their diets the right way. You need to transition slowly, especially if you grew up eating animal protein. You can't do it just because your friends are doing it," Coutinho stressed.

He advises his clients to find a workout which they can see themselves doing every day. He also talked about the need to distinguish between emotional and physical hunger. "It's important to know why I'm craving sugar, if I'm emotional or angry. Coffee after coffee, cupcake after cupcake, is just living mindlessly," said Coutinho, who has a steady presence on Instagram. He revealed that with exposure to social media, it's important to think about emotional detox as people tend to seek stimulation outside and not within. "If we are only connected outwards, everything that happens will affect you. You can be controlled by everyone. You have to know yourself. The problem today is everyone is trying to be good, but there's lust, jealousy, anger and greed in all of us. Focus on counting your blessings and be grateful. A grounding practice helps," Coutinho said.

TIME PASS

After *Mahanati*, I wanted a proper commercial film: Keerthy Suresh

Express Features

Keerthy Suresh, whose last release was Vijay's *Sarkar* in 2018, is back with her next, *Penguin* (Tamil), which will be getting a direct release on Amazon Prime. The actor, who has six films (*Marakkar: Arabikadalinte Simham, Penguin, Miss India, Good Luck Sakhi, Rang De,* and *Annaatthe,* across three languages) lined up for release, expressed that OTT might be a blessing in disguise, in a chat arranged as part of Indulge Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group, and hosted by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

Keerthy called Penguin an emotional thriller. "The film is about a mother's struggle to rescue her abducted kid, which happens over four days. It is neither gory nor a message movie," she said.

On the impact of *Mahanati / Nadigaiyar Thilagam* (which fetched her a National Award), Keerthy said the film has changed a lot in her life. "It opened up possibilities for me to explore woman-centric films. When *Mahanati* was offered to me, I was doing commercial cinema. This was an opportunity for me to prove myself. I have become more mature about my choices."

Keerthy also said her mother, Menaka – an actor herself – had a big influence in shaping the character of Savitri. "I almost said no to the film, because I didn't believe I could do justice to the star's persona. When I told my mother about it, she got excited, and she, along with director Nag Ashwin, convinced me to take up the role."

Keerthi said replicating Savitri's songs on screen was a challenge. "I pieced together the character from various sources. I spoke to her daughter. I gathered information about her body language. I read a lot of books."

The film's success made her pause and reflect. "After *Mahanati* I wanted to do a commercial film. But what came my way were heroine-oriented scripts. I waited to see if I would get commercial film offers, but then I thought I should take up more serious projects. I would like to balance commercial films with content-oriented movies."

CITY READ

Educational institute gets high rank

The Ramaiah group of institutions has received a ranking in The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) assessment for the year 2020. In the engineering section, Ramaiah Institute of Technology has bagged the 59th Rank in India, 4th in Karnataka. The Ramaiah Medical College has bagged 30th ranking across India, 5th in Karnataka and 2nd rank in private institutions. Ramaiah Faculty of Dental Sciences has bagged 11th rank in India and 5th among universities in Karnataka. The Ramaiah Faculty of Pharmacy has got 52nd Rank in India, 5th Rank in Karnataka, as for as Ramaiah College of Arts Science and Commerce concerned NIRF has ranked the college under the band of 100 to 120 in All India and 2nd in Karnataka.

Uber launches delivery service in city

Uber expanded its recently launched package delivery service 'Uber Connect' to Bangalore which will enable residents to send and receive parcels from each other and also order items from shops within city limits, while maintaining social distancing. The contact-less delivery service requires all packages to be transportable on a two wheeler vehicle, be under 5 kilograms in weight, securely sealed and not include prohibited items such as alcohol, recreational drugs, or dangerous and illegal items. Similar to on-demand trips, customers will be able to continue monitoring the trip's progress prior to pickup, en route, and at the dropoff. Customers can also share the delivery status with the recipient.

First lookposter from *Rowdy Fellow*

ROHIT'S NEXT FILM TITLED ROWDY FELLOW

The commercial entertainer, which will also mark Rohit's directorial debut, has story mentored and curated by *KGF* director Prashanth Neel

● A Sharadhaa

Actor, TV presenter and RJ, Rohit, who was last in *Bucckaasuura* (2018), has signed his next project titled *Rowdy Fellow*. The film is produced under the banner of Swarnalatha Productions, which recently produced *Dia* in association with Padmavathi Pictures. The commercial entertainer, presented by FFF, has a few more highlights as well. The script of *Rowdy Fellow* is mentored and curated by *KGF* director Prashanth Neel. This film will also mark the directorial debut of the multifaceted Rohit. Much to the delight of fans, the first look of the actor in the film was unveiled by the makers on Rohit's birthday on June 19. The black and white look, featuring a close-up shot of the actor's face, highlights the emotion of anger which is also said to be one of the film's themes. The actor and debutant director is thrilled that his story is backed by Prashanth Neel. "I had presented four stories to him, of which, he felt this script written by Pradeep would fit me best. We fixed this script which was curated by him," Rohit shares.

VIDYA PRADEEP PAIRED OPPOSITE ROHIT IN *ROWDY FELLOW*

Tamil actor Vidya Pradeep, who made her debut with *Bangara S/o Bangaradha Manusha*, has paired opposite Rohit in Rowdy Fellow. The film, which also explores a mother-son relationship, has senior actor Urvashi playing a prominent role. The makers are on the lookout to cast an actor for an important role in the film. Cinematographer Lavith, who has worked in films such as *Rama Rama Re* and *Ondalla Eradalla*, is also associated with *Rowdy Fellow*. The film will feature background score by Ravi Basrur and Nakul Abhyankar will do the song compositions.

Vidya Pradeep

AARYA

Aarya : An engaging, unhurried crime drama

● Shilajit Mitra

An engaging plot, with an imperilled Sushmita Sen at its centre. It's a concoction many of us know too well. More than her billowing red saree in *Main Hoon Na*, I remember her frantic dash in *Aankhen*, the clock ticking as she comes to grips with a truly desperate situation. She fended off a stalker in *Dastak*, a serial killer in Samay, and half a dozen ghosts in *Vaastu Shastra*. Often, the stakes in these films concerned the safety and security of a child. It's at this juncture that we meet her again, ten years after she took a break from Hindi screens.

Neerja director Ram Madhvani's maiden web series, *Aarya*, is about a mother wildly and recklessly looking out for her own. Streaming on Disney+ Hotstar, the 9-part series — adapted from the Dutch drama *Penoza* — starts out slow, with little narrative momentum to justify its crime-and-drugs setup. Madhvani is clearly interested in La Famiglia, blithely baring his Godfather fixations with swish mob weddings, reluctant successors and severed animals on beds. The focus on relationships isn't always captivating — some conflicts and arcs flit in and out at will. Yet, with its fair mix of solid performances, perceptive character psychology and some cleverly peppered reveals, the show largely works.

Aarya (Sushmita Sen) is the eldest heir of a big pharmaceutical company in Rajasthan. The family's real business is opium, jointly overseen by her husband Tej (Chandrachur Singh), younger brother Sangram (Ankur Bhatia) and their business partner Jawahar (Namit Das). Aarya and Tej have three children, and despite the latter's plans to build their lives elsewhere, have stuck it out with the syndicate so far. It's not a brooding life exactly: Aarya is close to her family and Tej, despite keeping a loaded gun in his car, is too mild-mannered for a drug lord (his love for old Hindi film songs becomes a leitmotif).

Creator: Ram Madhvani
Cast: Sushmita Sen, Chandrachur Singh, Namit Das, Sikandar Kher
Streaming on: Hotstar
RATING 3/5

A consignment belonging to a rival group is stolen, and Tej gets shot. A pack of ravenous characters close in: among them, the sly and prying ACP Khan (Vikas Kumar), who's after a missing flash drive, and Shekawat (Manish Choudhary), a gangster looking for his stock. Over these parallel hunts, we see Aarya's life come undone. It's the most thrilling of transformations: from watchful mother to ruthless mafia queen. The show, though, limits her decadence within a rigid moral framework. Initially, Aarya is driven by vengeance and the need to shield her family from further harm. Even as the stakes rise and she enters the drug trade, her motivations remain squarely justified, virtuous even. She pays a terrible price near the end, but that too is subsumed in the larger quest for revenge and survival.

The unflagging nobility of her character does not stop Susmita from turning in a compelling performance. She's warm and magisterial in the opening episodes, jamming wonderfully with Chandrachur Singh's soft-voiced sulk. Flickers of that warmth are retained as Aarya emerges from grief and finds her feet in an increasingly precarious world. Namit Das, playing the inept and unreliable Jawahar, is one of the more compelling characters in the supporting cast; the brilliant Maya Sarao is largely wasted in a superfluous role.

The show is racked with parental guilt. Reeling from loss, the three kids develop addictions and dependencies (a tenuous mirroring of the narcotics trade their family runs). "The past is not important," Aarya confesses to a friend. "The future of my children is." Even minor characters bring up their kids when faced with life-threatening danger. For all the thrills, this is a story about protection and care, and the brief oasis we regard as home.

Madhvani turns up the violence, then defuses it with a smitten soundtrack. The humour is spare but enjoyable. There's a lot of killing and double-crossing, but also birthday parties, jam sessions, and dips in the pool. It's a suggestion that love and loss must co-exist, each reinforcing and lending meaning to the other.

Harshika Poonacha to headline a woman-centric role in *Om Prema*

The film, directed by Adavibhavi Sharan, will also star Partha of *Kwatle* fame

● CE Features

Harshika Poonacha is back on the silver screen with *Om Prema*, directed by Adavibhavi Sharan, which will feature her in a woman-centric role. The actor was last seen in a full-fledged role in *Chitte*, and was also part of Sunil Kumar Desai's *Udhgarsha*, which was released in 2019. The film, presented by RR Khushi Entertainment and produced by Ram Preeth, also stars Partha of *Kwatle* fame. The team, which has completed 40 per cent of the shoot, was in talks with Harshika Ponacha, and the deal got finalised during the lockdown period. "We are now getting ready to resume the shooting, and it will be mostly shot with Harshika," says the director.

Om Prema comes with an interesting technical crew, with dialogues written by Ghouse Peer and music composed by Jassie Gift. The team also has cinematographer Nanda Kishore and editor Srikanth of *KGF* fame on board. Apart from the lead actors, *Om Prema's* cast includes a host of serial artistes, and also has Danny Kuttappa playing a pivotal character.

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— Adavibhavi Sharan, director

Harshika Poonacha

Rishab Shetty collaborates with Sandesh Productions for *Harikathe alla Giri kathe*

The Giri Krishna-directed comedy entertainer will be a project executed by Rishab Shetty Films; Project was launched with a simple muhurath on Friday

● CE Features

Rishab Shetty has taken up his next acting assignment. The film, titled *Harikathe alla Girikathe*, will have him collaborating with Sandesh Productions. The director of *Rudraprayag*, who has also established himself as a full-fledged actor with *Bell Bottom*, will be headlining the comedy entertainer directed by Giri Krishna. The makers organised a simple muhurath on Friday, and also revealed the production details on the occasion. The film will be produced by N Sandesh, and the entire project will be executed by Rishab Shetty Films. Apart from Rishab Shetty playing the lead role, the makers have brought on board Pramod Shetty to play a pivotal role along with a few new artistes as part of the cast. The team will zero in on the heroine before they begin shooting in July. The technical crew of *Harikathe alla Giri kathe* includes music composer Ajanessh B Lokanath and cinematographer Ranganath.

N Sandesh

Rishab Shetty

Joseph Gordon-Levitt saves the day, and the film

● Gopinath Rajendran

Many of us are feeling cramped -- courtesy the lockdown – with many fantasising about their next vacation. *7500*, the film, shows you why the comfort of your home is probably better, as opposed to its premise of an injured pilot locked in a claustrophobic cockpit, thousands of feet up, as terrorists try their best to bring down the only door that is between them both.

Post 9/11, there's been a whole host of films about plane hijackings. While most of these films focus on the trauma of the passengers and flight attendants, *7500* sets itself apart by concentrating on a co-pilot, Tobias Ellis (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) apart from the highjacker, an 18-year-old confused Vedat (Omid Memar). The 92-minutes film isn't about fancy long shots across the length of the fuselage to capture emotions of occupants; it's about plain capturing of the emotions and actions of two individuals who wish they aren't in the situation they find themselves.

A still from *7500*

Director: Patrick Vollrath
Cast: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Omid Memar, Murathan Muslu, Aylin Tezel
Streaming on: Amazon Prime
RATING 3/5

Debutant filmmaker Patrick Vollrath creates a promising backdrop that lets us ease into the discomfiting premise of *7500*. The opening sequence, framed from the view of security cameras that adorn the walls of the Berlin International Airport, shows how the passengers are scrutinised assiduously -- a major topic of discussion post 9/11. Ellis is accompanied by his girlfriend Gökce who happens to be a flight attendant in the same doomed aircraft. Right before takeoff, the couple discusses a trivial matter involving their son to which Ellis replies, "This isn't a disaster." Little does he know.

The film, like the flight in a sense, starts smoothly and reaches a high when one of the hijackers manages to sneak into the cockpit and mortally wound Ellis' experienced co-pilot. This sets a series of events in motion as Ellis, who is also stabbed with glass shards, has to save himself, while trying to save the hostages who begin to killed one after the other. His task also is to calm the rest of the petrified passengers, engage in a discussion with the hijackers to smoothen things, and all the while, also steer a flight single-handedly (literally). We learn as much as Ellis does – through the voice of a local air traffic controller via his headphones, a telephone that connects Ellis with the hijackers, and a single-angled video camera that shows what is unfolding outside the door. Vollrath maintains a sense of urgency and tension, with the eerie music adding to the claustrophobia, despite the flight being in the clouds.

Gordon-Levitt is great as the soft-spoken, yet level-headed, individual who can rise up to the occasion. The second half of the film though, falls into lots of familiarity, as the dynamics between Ellis and Memar fail to surprise us. The script resorts to cliches from several popular hostage thrillers. By the time we have a landing, the film too comes down from a nail-biting thriller it originally promised to be. Had the writing been consistent, *7500* would have made for the sort of intriguing watch it promises originally, but a spirited performance by Gordon-Levitt still saves it somewhat.